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OF THE

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OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

AT ITS

Annual Convocation, April, A. D. 2412.



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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation, commenced at the city of San Francisco on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

Thomas H. Caswell,

Grand Secretary.

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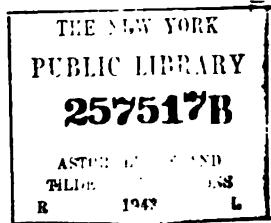
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GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

For the year commencing April, A. I. 2412, and ending April, A. I. 2413.

M. E. WM. MONROE PETRIE,.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST,.....*Sacramento* ;
R. E. LEÓNIDAS E PRATT,.....DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST,.....*San Francisco* ;
R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES,.....GRAND KING,.....*San Buenavent'a* ;
R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN,.....GRAND SCRIBE,.....*Grass Valley* ;
R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,.....GRAND TREASURER,.....*San Francisco* ;
R. E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,.....GRAND SECRETARY,.....*San Francisco* ;
E. GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*Placerville* ;
E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,.....GRAND LECTURER,.....*San Francisco* ;
E. BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST,.....*Petaluma* ;
E. MICHAEL JAS. KEATING,.....GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPT'N,.....*San Francisco* ;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco* ;
" IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....GRAND GUARD,.....*San Francisco*.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its twenty-eighth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E.	HENRY SAYRE ORME,	Grand High Priest;
" R. E.	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,	Deputy Grand High Priest;
" R. E.	JOHN CRISP COLEMAN,	as Grand King;
" R. E.	JONATHAN DOAN HINES,	Grand Scribe;
" R. E.	HIRAM THEOPOF GRAVES,	Grand Treasurer;
" R. E.	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	Grand Secretary;
" E.	GEORGE HELEN GILBERT,	as Grand Chaplain;
" E.	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	Grand Lecturer;
" E.	ADOLPHUS HEWELL,	as Grand Capt. of the Host;
" E.	FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	as Grand Royal Arch Captain;
Comp.	SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,	Grand Organist;
"	IRA COLBURN ROOT,	Grand Guard;

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E.	JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH,	Past Grand High Priest;
" M. E.	WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,	" " " "
" M. E.	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,	" " " "
" M. E.	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	" " " "
" M. E.	JOHN KIRKPATRICK,	" " " "
" M. E.	ISAAC SUTVEN TITUS,	" " " "
" M. E.	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,	" " " "
" M. E.	JACOB HART NEFF,	" " " "
" M. E.	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	" " " "
" M. E.	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,	" " " "
" M. E.	HENRY HAY KNAPP,	" " " "
" M. E.	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,	" " " "
" M. E.	WILEY JAMES TINNIN,	" " " "
" R. E.	STEPHEN WING,	Past Grand King;

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And the representatives of forty-six chartered Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests by service within this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Credentials :..... } Comp. Jacob Hart Neff,
" Isaac Philanson Kincaid,
" Louis Constantine Huseman.

After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, and Past High Priests, by service within the jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

<i>San Francisco</i> ,.....No. 1,...	{ ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID, High Priest; GEORGE EDWARD JONES, King; ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, } Past High Priests. EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY,
<i>Sonora</i> ,.....No. 2,.....	{ EDWIN A. RODGERS, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.; STEPHEN WING, Past High Priest.
<i>Sacramento</i> ,.....No. 3,...	{ CORNELIUS KELLOGG, King; WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, } Past High Priests. CHARLES MORTIMER COGLAN,
<i>California</i> ,.....No. 5,.....	{ FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, H. P. and Past High Priest; CHARLES LYMAN HASKELL, King; JOSEPH McMATH, Scribe; ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, HIRSH TROOP GRAVES, JOSEPH MILLER LITCHFIELD, ABRAHAM HALSEY, } Past High Priests. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, JOHN KIRKPATRICK, THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
<i>Nevada</i> ,.....No. 6,.....	{ KASKIL CASPER, High Priest; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past High Priest.
<i>Denica</i> ,.....No. 7,.....	{ GEORGE POOB, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Shasta</i> ,.....No. 9,.....	{ ADOLPH DOBROWSKY, H. P. and Past High Priest; DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Sutter</i> ,.....No. 11,.....	{ JOHN LITHGOW, High Priest and Past High Priest

<i>Merced</i> ,.....	No. 12,.....	{ ARTHUR HOMER DAUCHY, High Priest; HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, Past High Priest.
<i>Washington</i> ,.....	No. 13,.....	HENRY CHARLES LOTT, H. P. and Past High Priest.
<i>Howard</i> ,.....	No. 14,.....	{ WILSON HAYS, High Priest and Past High Priest; WILLIAM LARKIN WOODROW, King.
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....	No. 15,.....	LOUIS CONSTANTINE HUSEMAN, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>St. James</i> ,.....	No. 16,.....	GEORGE HELEN GILBERT, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,.....	No. 18,.....	JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, H. P. and Past High Priest.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....	No. 19,.....	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....	No. 20,.....	{ JOHN CARLTON GRAY, High Priest; THOMAS CALLOW, P. H. P. and prox. for K. & S.; CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, Past High Priest.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....	No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....	No. 22,.....	{ JAMES SINGLEY, H. P. and prox. for H. P., K and S.; WILLIAM BARNABAS HASKELL, Past High Priest.
<i>Oliver</i> ,.....	No. 23,.....	{ JOHN E ALLEN, High Priest; JAMES RUSSELL GLOVER, Past High Priest.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....	No. 24,.....	RICHARD MUNT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Georgetown</i> ,.....	No. 25,.....	{ ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, H. Priest and P. H. P.; JOHN ERNEST KUNKLER, Past High Priest.
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....	No. 26,.....	{ FRANK HOWARD BROOKS, High Priest; ISAAC DANIEL RYTTENBURG, King; JEREMIAH ELKINS WHITCHER, Past High Priest.
<i>Della</i> ,.....	No. 27,.....	{ JOHN GOULD BISBEE, High Priest; JOHN ROBERT WINDEBS, Scribe.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....	No. 28,.....	{ DORAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL, High Priest and P. H. P.; EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES, { GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, } Past High Priests.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....	No. 30,.....	{ HENRY HAY KNAPP, High Priest and P. H. P.; CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Martinez</i> ,.....	No. 31,.....	WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,.....	No. 33,.....	{ JAMES SETH CRAWFORD, High Priest and P. H. P.; HENRY SAYBE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Alturas</i> ,.....	No. 34,.....	JOSHUA HUTCHINS VARIEL, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....	No. 35,.....	MATTISON MYERS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....	No. 36,.....	EDWARD EDMUND POTTER, High Priest.
<i>Siloam</i> ,.....	No. 37,.....	{ WILLIAM BAINERIDGE STOREY, High Priest; JACOB HART NEFF, Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....	No. 38,.....	THOMAS AMNER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Red Bluff</i> ,.....	No. 40,.....	NATHAN CROCKER, High Priest.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....	No. 41,.....	JAMES MARTIN RODGERS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Chico</i> ,.....	No. 42,.....	CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Solano</i> ,.....	No. 43,.....	{ ABNER ELIAS CHARLES, High Priest; OSCAR RAPIER COGHLAN, King; DANIEL MCCREARY, Scribe; ALLEN CHARLES MILLER, Past High Priest.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....	No. 44,.....	{ ANDREW HENDERSON BRODER, H. P. and P. H. P.; ROBERT CHIDLEY BRODER, Past High Priest.

<i>Santa Rosa</i> ,.....No. 45,....	{ JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT, High Priest ; MILO SMITH DAVIS, Scribe.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....No. 47,.....	PHILIP JACOB GOMAZ, High Priest.
<i>Dixon</i> ,.....No. 48,....	{ JONATHAN MERITT DUDLEY, High Priest ; JOHN WILLIAM McFADYEN, King.
<i>Modesto</i> ,.....No. 49,.....	ADOLPHUS, HEWELL, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....No. 50,	{ JONATHAN DOAN HINES, High Priest and P. H. P.; LAFAYETTE FINDLA EASTIN, pr. for King and Scribe.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....No. 51,.....	JOHN PECK STEARNS, Past High Priest.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....No. 53,.....	WILLIAM ISBELL, Scribe.
<i>Bodie</i> ,.....No. 55,.....	WILLIAM IRWIN, P. H. P. and pr. for H. P., K. and S.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....No. 56,.....	JOSEPH SHANNON BRIGHT, Scribe.
<i>Signet</i> ,.....No. 57,.....	ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, King.
<i>Plumas</i> ,.....U. D.,.....	JAMES SUMMERFIELD DRYSDALE, High Priest.

Which report was concurred in and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, as follows :—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA :—

In obedience to our time-honored custom, we have assembled in Annual Convocation, and with true and faithful hearts we should acknowledge our obligations and render thanks to Deity, for His infinite goodness and mercy in permitting us to again meet together around our common altar—an altar hallowed and rendered dear to us by so many pleasing recollections of the past. Let us then, with an eye single to the work, renew our vows, re-plight our faith, and, redoubling our energies, endeavor so to act, and to so conduct the business of this session, that all things may redound to the best interests of the Royal Craft.

“Once more in bonds of love we meet,
Companions of the Mystic tie ;
With works of symmetry complete,
As still the cycling seasons fly.

Earth's lusts unstable all may prove,
And kingdoms moulder in decay ;
But this, our work of faith and love,
Shall pass not like a dream away.

Yes, thrones may totter to their fall
And nations perish by the sword,
But *this* shall live, surviving all,
Eternal as His *changeless word*.”

While our own jurisdiction has been exempt from pestilence and disaster, and the prospect of an abundant harvest and a prosperous season has been vouchsafed to us, we are saddened by the knowledge that our brethren in the great valley of the Mississippi have been overwhelmed by a disastrous flood, which has swept away their dwellings, drowned their cattle, destroyed many valuable lives, and brought ruin and distress upon thousands. Although no formal call has yet been made upon us for pecuniary aid, it is hoped that, should such a call be made, it will be responded to with that generous promptitude which has ever characterized the Masons of California.

I am gratified to be able to report that no vacancy in the offices of this Grand Body has been created by death since our last Annual Convocation, and only one

death among our members has been reported to me. Comp. JOHN CHANEY PART-
RIDGE, Past Grand Royal Arch Captain of this Grand Chapter, died at his residence
in Susanville, Lassen County, on the 22d day of June, 1881. Comp. PART-
RIDGE was an active, earnest, and zealous Mason, and his loss—cut down, as he was, in the
prime of life—is greatly to be deplored.

On the second day of July, 1881, the nation was paralyzed by the announcement
that its President, Comp. JAMES ABRAHAM GARFIELD, had been stricken down by the
hand of an assassin. Quick as thought—on the wings of the lightning over land and
under the sea—sped the sad tidings to the uttermost parts of the earth. From every
civilized nation came expressions of horror and detestation of the crime, and from
every altar ascended earnest prayers that the life of this good and great man might
be spared. But it was not to be. The Omnipotent Ruler in His inscrutable wisdom
had decreed it otherwise; and on the 19th day of September, 1881, the nation was
shrouded in the sombre mantle of grief, for the death of its Chief Magistrate. Words
of mine are of no avail to express the profound sorrow which pervaded this people,
as they realized the loss they had sustained. And now that the lapse of time has in
a measure benumbed our grief, we can but express our abhorrence of the crime
which deprived us of a wise and just ruler, an upright citizen, and a faithful com-
panion. Let his memory be cherished in our hearts, as one who exemplified in his
daily life those grand and noble virtues which should characterize every true and
consistent Mason.

While in our own jurisdiction the wings of the dark angel have touched us but
lightly, we are called upon to render the tribute of our sympathy to two of our sister
Grand Chapters, and to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, whose
brightest lights have been extinguished by death.

On the 21st day of June, 1881, died ALBERT GALLATIN MACKAY, Past Grand High
Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Carolina,
and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United
States. In the death of this illustrious companion, Masonry has suffered an irrepar-
able loss. Wherever a Masonic Altar has been reared, the name of MACKAY
is a household word. Although the District of Columbia claimed his immediate
allegiance, his fame as a Masonic jurist, writer, and teacher, was world-wide; and
the entire Craft in America realize a common loss. And while we deeply deplore
that loss, we can only bow in humble submission to the will of the Great Creator,
with the confident trust that our loss is his eternal gain.

The Grand Chapter of New York mourns the loss of M. E. Comp. JAMES M.
AUSTIN, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest, who for many
years has been actively identified with the interests of Masonry in that jurisdiction.
Genial, kind and true, he merited and received the esteem and confidence of all
who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. To our companions of New York,
we tender our heartfelt sympathy for the great loss they have sustained.

I would recommend, as a token of our respect, that mourning pages be inscribed
to the memory of our deceased companions, in our printed proceedings.

The condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the State, I am pleased to say,
is more vigorous and healthy than at any time since the organization of this
Grand Chapter. No symptoms of syncope or deep coma exist. In our exten-
sive jurisdiction, numbering fifty-seven Chapters, with an aggregate membership
of over three thousand, all, with a very few exceptions, are steadily increasing
in numbers and improving in the character of "the work." Although I can report
to you that "the work" in our subordinate Chapters is well done, and com-
pares favorably with that of the older States, it is not enough; we must all
earnestly strive to place California in the front rank Masonically, as she is in
wealth and intelligence. In our efforts to build up Capitular Masonry, we must
remember that strength does not always consist in numbers. If we guard carefully

"the entrance to our vails," and allow none but good, true, and tried men to gain admittance, we shall have Chapters upon which we can look with just pride and satisfaction. When in very fact, and no longer in word, none but first-class material is taken to build up the higher bodies, then, and not until then, shall we find that only the best in our Lodges will endeavor to gain admission into our Chapters. Too often do we find many in our Chapters using improper influences to increase their membership, and who fail to pay a due regard to the qualifications of the candidate, or to make proper inquiry into his adaptability for the work of Royal Arch Masonry. This is all wrong, and directly contrary to the spirit of both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. We all know that in the different bodies of Masonry, men have obtained admission through this want of care and attention who are by habit, character, and association, unfitted for the work of Masonry. And as we know this should not be, so also do we know that it could not be if we, as Royal Arch Masons, did our whole duty. Let then each subordinate Chapter recognize the high trust committed to it, and let every companion know and feel it his sacred duty to see that no injustice is done the Craft at large by the admission to its roll of membership of those who have not in reality learned to subdue their passions, and to live in strict accordance with the laws of God and man.

"Is it the just and right?
Is it the good and true?
Aid it and bless it with all your might,
Whether it is old or new.
Give it heart and hand,
Uphold it the best you can."

Throughout the length and breadth of our land, I fear that both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry are threatened by grave dangers. They are too popular. The modern spirit of "Progress" is knocking at our doors demanding admission to our *Ancient Order*. In many different shapes it presents itself; and one of the many to which I would call your attention, is that which is trying to make our *Order* an insurance society. It is from this source we have most to fear. Many, fearful that our beloved institution will be crowded back—injured as it were—by the multitude of benevolent organizations springing up around us, propose that we introduce "*something new*;" what, they do not exactly know, but something on the co-operative insurance plan. To such I would say that Masonry needs no extraneous aid. It has stood the test of ages, and will stand; and we as Masons must stand by it and with it, true to its high and holy teachings and principles, and exemplify in our lives its pure and ennobling influences. No, my companions, we have nothing to fear,—but we must be true and steadfast, remembering the old but true motto—"Quam fluctus diversi, quam mare conjuncti."

Instead of seeking to make Masonry more popular, we ought to guard more jealously than ever the portals of our Temple; being careful in the selection of those whom we invest with its secrets, and in the character and fitness of the officers chosen to preside over its destinies.

All benevolent societies are doing a noble work, and are well worthy the support of good men. But we must remember that during the past five years, as shown by statistics, over two hundred of these organizations have failed in the United States. Let us, then, as a part of the Masonic Brotherhood, be careful. For those who choose to become members of other societies, we have only the best of wishes. Masonry has a different work to perform. Our duty is to adhere to the ancient usages and traditions of the Craft, to comfort the distressed, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and protect the destitute widow and orphan. In fine, to perform the duties assumed by us before we were permitted to engage in the grand work of bringing to light the mysteries hidden beneath the "Mystic Vault."

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Soon after the close of the session of the Grand Chapter, I received and approved the official bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

On April twenty-ninth, 1881, I approved an amendment to the By Laws of *Oakland* Chapter, No. 26, changing the date of its stated meetings.

On May ninth I visited San Bernardino and constituted *Keystone* Chapter, No. 56, and installed its officers. I am happy to say that this Chapter, though one of our youngest, bids fair to become one of our most flourishing; having a good set of officers, all of whom take an interest in the work as shown by their punctual and regular attendance.

On May thirtieth, the officers of *Signet* Chapter, No. 57, having complied with the resolution adopted at our last session and all the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I proceeded to constitute the Chapter and install its officers; and I am glad to report to you that the Chapter is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

On June twenty-seventh, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Della* Chapter, No. 27, changing the date of its stated meetings.

July twenty-fifth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Signet* Chapter, No. 57; also changing the date of holding its stated meetings to the first Thursday in each month.

August ninth, I approved the action of *Howard* Chapter, No. 14, in striking out Sec. 2, Art. VI, of its By-Laws, by which "the affiliation fee of five dollars" was abolished.

August twenty-second, I granted a special dispensation to *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45, to ballot for a candidate without waiting the constitutional time. The reasons given were satisfactory; and moreover, the applicant was a well-known member of the fraternity in the county where he resided, and a Past Master of *Sotoyome* Lodge, No. 123.

August twenty-ninth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Chico* Chapter, No. 42, reducing the fee for the degrees from \$75 to \$50.

September eighth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, abolishing the affiliation fee.

October fifth, I approved an amendment to Sec. 3, Art. VI, of By-Laws of *Ukiah* Chapter, No. 53, reducing the dues from \$1 to 50 cents per month.

December fourteenth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Alluras* Chapter, No. 34, changing the day of meeting.

January ninth, 1882, I granted a dispensation to *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, to hold an election for officers at a time other than that designated in our Constitution; they having failed to hold a meeting at the date when the regular election should have been held.

February fourteenth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44, reducing the dues from \$1 to 50 cents per month.

August twentieth, I received a petition for the removal of *Alluras* Chapter, No. 34, from La Porte, Plumas County, to Quincy in the same county. The Secretary of the Chapter wrote that but three of the members were left at La Porte, and that all the officers of the Chapter were residents of Quincy. I also learned, through him and other companions, that Quincy is a live and prosperous town, and the county-seat of Plumas County. For the reasons given, I granted the request, deeming them amply sufficient. It now remains for this Grand Chapter to approve or disapprove of my action.

On September twenty-eighth, I received a petition from a constitutional number of companions for the formation of a new Chapter at Greenville, Plumas County, to be called *Plumas* Chapter, with Comp. JAMES SUMMERFIELD DRYSDALE as High Priest, Comp. HAMILTON COMFORT WHITING as King, and Comp. ALEXANDER ARCHIBALD

McKENZIE as Scribe. All the papers were in form—the uniform code of By-Laws had been adopted and were submitted for my approval—the High Priest named had a certificate of qualification from the Grand Lecturer, and the new Chapter had received the recommendation of *Lassen* Chapter, No. 47, which was reported to me as being the nearest chartered Chapter. All the requirements of the Constitution having been complied with, and knowing of no reason why the petition of the companions should not be granted, I issued the dispensation.

On the first day of October, I received a letter from the officers of *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, dated at Quincy, September twenty-seventh, 1881, protesting against the granting of a dispensation for the new Chapter; stating that permission having been given for the removal of *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, from La Porte to Quincy, it became at that date—September twenty-seventh—the nearest Chapter; and that they “did not think that two Chapters could prosper in the same county; that they were trying to get upon their feet and would hold a meeting on the first of October, and would go to work in earnest.” I replied that “I was sorry their protest came so late; that I had already signed and forwarded the dispensation for the new Chapter at Greenville, but would try and delay action by telegraphing to the Grand Secretary not to forward the dispensation (if he had not already done so), until I could hear from the parties interested. That I hoped to meet some of the companions at the Grand Lodge on the eleventh, and was anxious only to do what was right and for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.”

Upon an examination of dates and inquiry into the facts, I found that the recommendation of *Lassen* Chapter had been given on the same date that permission was granted for the removal of *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, from La Porte to Quincy. That *Lassen* Chapter, No. 47, at Susanville—in which the petitioners were made and in whose jurisdiction they lived—was at the date of petitioning, the nearest Chapter. In other words, the recommendation of *Lassen* Chapter was asked and given before the removal of *Alturas* Chapter was perfected; but that after the removal of the latter Chapter, Quincy then became the nearest point to Greenville.

While in attendance upon the Grand Lodge, I also learned from the companions and brethren from that section of the State, that a difference of opinion existed; some informing me that two Chapters could flourish and prosper in the county, while others thought differently. (One having three, and the other two Lodges, to support it.)

Under all the circumstances, and as the dispensation and everything was in readiness at Greenville, I told Comp. DRYSDALE, whom I met at the Grand Lodge, to “go on with the work” until the Grand Chapter could act in the matter. That we would expect from them “good work,” “true work,” “square work;” and if they did not make such a showing to the Grand Chapter, that a charter would not issue. I have reported my action, and I now leave the whole matter in your hands; not doubting but this Grand Chapter can decide impartially whether it is for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this State that a charter be granted to *Plumas* Chapter.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On April eighteenth, 1881, I made an official visit to *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3. The work was the conferring of the fourth degree, which I can truly say was well done. This Chapter is one of the largest, and also one of the best, in the State; it has a capable set of officers, and the attendance of members and visitors is always large. It is needless to say that I enjoyed my visit and spent a most pleasant time with the companions of *Sacramento*.

April twentieth I visited *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, at Oakland, in company with Past Grand High Priest WILEY J. TINNIN. We saw the Royal Arch degree conferred in a most satisfactory manner. The High Priest and all the officers take a great pride and interest in the work. Again, on April fifteenth, 1882, in company with

the Grand Lecturer, I visited this Chapter, and the work in the Royal Arch degree was very impressively exemplified by him.

I have also visited the Chapters in my immediate neighborhood, and gave them such advice and instruction as they seemed at the time to require.

Invitations have been extended to me during the year by several Chapters to visit them, but owing to ill health, and a press of professional duties which I could not neglect, I was unable to comply with the requests. Official visitations ought to be made by your Grand High Priest, every year. Last October, realizing my inability to perform this duty, I requested the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the other Grand Officers, to make, in my stead, official visits to all the subordinate Chapters in their respective sections of the State. And their reports coincide with mine, as to the growth and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

In this connection I would recommend, that as our Grand Lecturer is also Grand Secretary and unable for want of time to travel over the State as heretofore, the State be divided into districts, similar to the plan adopted by our Grand Lodge; and that each year the district convenient to the Grand Officer residing in or near that section be allotted to him in which to make official visits, inspect the work, books, etc., of the subordinate Chapters, and to report to the Grand Chapter the results of his inspection.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

On July twentieth, 1881, by request of the Grand High Priest of Arkansas, I appointed *M. E. Comp.* JOHN E. REARDON, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

On October fifteenth I appointed *M. E. Comp.* NOBLE D. LARNER, of Washington, D. C., General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

On the same date I appointed *M. E.* THOMAS MACF. PATTON, of Portland, Oregon, Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Also, *M. E.* WILLIAM D. WADSWORTH, of Montgomery, Alabama, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

March fifteenth, 1882, I appointed *M. E.* JOHN W. OSLIN, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

All of whom have acknowledged the reception of their credentials, and kindly assured me that they appreciated the appointment.

August twenty-fifth, 1881, I received a communication from Comp. R. H. F. VARIELL in relation to the suspension of several companions, late members of Quincy Chapter, No. 32, the charter of which was revoked by this Grand Chapter in 1873. He gave what facts were known to him in regard to the matter, and in asking my opinion as to the standing of the companions as Royal Arch Masons, says: "that during all these years (since 1873), the companions have believed themselves to be in good standing as Royal Arch Masons;" and requested that "I would do all in my power to make these crooked things straight, and grant the companions named such relief from their apparent disability as may lie within the scope of my high functions as Grand High Priest of R. A. M. of California."

I replied, that "from the Grand Chapter proceedings of 1873, I find that the order of revocation did not exempt any of the members of the Chapter from the usual effects of such an order. * * * * No record appears during either of the years 1873 or '74, or since then, showing that the companions named ever asked for, or were ordered by the Grand Chapter to receive, Grand Chapter certificates. Now from the above facts, (as is the uniform custom both in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter when a charter is revoked,) it is first necessary for the Grand Body to authorize certificates, upon a proper application. I cannot see how the matter can be settled except by the action of the Grand Chapter at its next annual

session. The companions should petition to have all back dues remitted, or tender the same and request Grand Chapter certificates."

Regretting the unfortunate and peculiar position the companions were placed in, and knowing that the Grand Chapter would take proper action when the case was presented, I assured them I would bring the matter before the Grand Chapter that they might be set right on the record, and be restored to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons. I should here add, that after I had written as above, I sent a letter to Comp. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, asking him for all the facts in his possession, and also for his opinion of the law bearing on the Masonic standing of the companions. He answered promptly, enclosing copies of several long letters he had written to Comp. VARIEL and others on the subject, in which Comp. CASWELL gave a complete history of the whole case, showing the cause of the revocation of the charter of Quincy Chapter, No. 32, also pointing out the difference between "suspension" and "revocation or forfeiture" of a charter, and that the companions stood suspended as Royal Arch Masons by reason of "said forfeiture;" citing to them the law of the Grand Lodge on the subject, and also to "our regulation No. 10, by which that law is made the rule of decision of the Grand Chapter in like cases," and stating that he had no power, as requested by the suspended companions, to issue to them certificates of good standing; that the Grand Chapter only could act, and might reinstate, remit dues, and do any and all things in the case. I was glad that our worthy Grand Secretary wrote so fully to the companions, setting forth all the facts and law on the subject, otherwise it might have involved me in a long and tedious correspondence.

As it was, I immediately received a kind letter from Comp. VARIEL, thanking me for the attention I had given the matter, and stating that the companions would be pleased to act upon my suggestion and make application to the Grand Chapter for full restoration to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons, and obtain Grand Chapter certificates. This I hope they will do, and I know you will grant their request; and may it teach all a lesson to guard and preserve carefully our standing as Masons, both in Blue Lodge and Chapter.

It is with great regret that I report to you the dereliction of duty on the part of, and the bad faith shown by, Comp. FRANK D. TUNIS, High Priest of the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, in not complying with the law and resolutions of this Grand Chapter, relative to the Charter, records, paraphernalia, etc., of said *Lakeport* Chapter. Without cause, and in defiance of right, he has failed to deliver to your Grand Secretary the property of *Lakeport* Chapter as ordered by this Grand Body, and regardless of his obligations as a Mason, wrongfully retains them in his possession. The Grand Secretary will doubtless report to you his efforts to secure obedience to your order; but I should feel that I had failed in my duty as your Grand High Priest did I not call attention to misconduct so gross, and at the same time recommend some course of procedure whereby the authority of the Grand Chapter may be vindicated and its property secured. I therefore recommend that this whole subject-matter be referred to a committee to report such action as may be proper in the premises.

QUESTIONS ASKED.

November fourteenth, I received a letter from the Secretary of *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, written at the request of said Chapter, asking the following questions, viz.:

1st. A brother petitions the Chapter for the degrees. His petition is received and referred to a committee of three. At the next stated meeting but two members of the committee report; the other member being absent. Can the High Priest order a ballot on such a report?

I answered: Yes.

2d. But two members of the committee report, (the other being absent,) can

the High Priest, with the consent of the Chapter, appoint a new member of the committee who shall report instanter?

I replied that the appointing of the new member was irregular. Two members, or rather a majority of the committee, had reported, or were ready with a report. But, if for good reasons shown, the Chapter should desire a new member added, or a new committee appointed, the report of the first committee must be rejected and the committee discharged. A new committee may then be appointed, and the same length of time must be given the new committee to investigate and report, as was given to the original one; that is, from one stated meeting to the next.

At another time I was asked the following questions from the same Chapter:

A brother petitions the Chapter for the degrees; his petition is referred to a committee, and at the next stated meeting the committee report in writing, *unfavorably*. Should the High Priest declare the applicant rejected, or should he order the ballot spread?

I replied that the custom has always been in this, and many other jurisdictions, to order the ballot spread.

Again, in the same letter, I was asked:

Should a minority *unfavorable* report, receive the same treatment as a unanimous report?

I answered, yes; ballot and reject the candidate, as has always been the custom in our Chapters.

GARFIELD MEMORIAL.

While in attendance upon the Grand Lodge, I received a communication from the Garfield Monument Association of the Pacific, requesting me, as Grand High Priest, to issue a circular to all the subordinate Chapters to contribute towards said monument, which is to be erected at San Francisco, or such other place on the Pacific Coast as may hereafter be decided upon. I at once requested the Grand Secretary to reply to the communication to the effect, that it would afford me great pleasure to bring the matter before the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, not doubting it would take proper action in the premises. I now ask you to give this matter your earnest attention, and recommend that you make such an appropriation from the funds of the Grand Chapter as in your discretion may be deemed advisable.

ABOLISHING THE CHAPTER DEGREES.

I would also direct the attention of this Grand Chapter to one point in *M. E.* Grand Master V. L. HURLBUT'S Address to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Chicago in 1880; wherein he recommended that the "law be so amended that the applicant for Knighthood shall not be compelled to take the degrees of the Chapter as a condition precedent to admission into our Order." This change, I am glad to say, was not made. The committee to whom the proposed amendment was referred reported against the recommendation, and the Grand Encampment justly and promptly sustained the report. Thus, companions, it behooves us to be ever vigilant; for if once we allow any innovation or change in our organic law, where may it not end?

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

I desire to call attention to the fact that the General Grand Chapter, at its last Triennial Convocation, adopted a uniform system of work which has been promulgated to the various Grand jurisdictions. As uniformity in the work has long been a prime desideratum, measures should at once be taken, now that a uniform system has been established, to disseminate it among the Chapters. The differences in the ritual, as practiced in this jurisdiction, are few and slight. But before any change is made in our work, which is pre-eminent in its excellence and fullness, I would recommend that the ritual of the General Grand Chapter be entrusted to our Grand Lecturer for the purpose of suggesting such changes, if any, as may be necessary to make our work more uniform.

THANKS.

I feel that I should be derelict in my duty were I to close this address without tendering my sincere thanks to the officers and members of this Grand Chapter for the uniform courtesy, kindness, and consideration which I have received at their hands during my term of office; and especially are my thanks due to our worthy Grand Secretary, who has ever been ready to render me any advice or assistance in his power. The prosperity of any Grand Body depends in a great measure upon the competency and fidelity of its Grand Secretary, and I congratulate the Grand Chapter of California upon having in its service so efficient, intelligent, and faithful an officer.

And now, companions, a few concluding words before I surrender into your hands the symbol of authority which one year ago you entrusted to me.

Man's selfish schemes and dreams of individual aggrandizement are ever thwarted, and his plans of enduring boastfulness set at naught. The dim procession of ages, in its solemn passage, leaves no trace of his puny pride, his play-things, or his palaces; and his memory fades from earth's ever changing kaleidoscope as though he had never been. The shores of time are strewn with the mournful wrecks of his folly and his ambition, and his boastful columns and monuments lie broken and overthrown, crumbling to oblivion amid the desert sands. But *ours* is a structure deep based in the rock of ages, that shall not melt like a dream away. Let us still work on the temple with willing hearts and hands, until it shall stand in its perfect glory, the wonder and admiration of all the earth, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

"Who can separate hearts that have been united, or divide waters that have met and mingled into one?" Such, my beloved companions, are my feelings at this time; for I cannot but look back with the keenest appreciation and kindest feelings to you, who have so generously chosen me year after year, through your partiality, to serve you as an officer of this Grand Chapter. My friend, Past Grand High Priest GORGAS, of Maryland, makes use of the following beautiful and truthful words, which I cannot but adopt as my own:

"It has been truly said that no man is truly happy until his pleasure grows out of his work as naturally as does a color petal grow out of a flower; and that work, real, true work, into which a man's heart and soul enters, is its own exceeding great reward. Such, Masonic work has been to me." And, in truth, the seven years that I have served this Grand Chapter have been the pleasantest of my whole Masonic experience.

I trust I have not proved recreant to my duties; would that I could have done more for the Royal Craft. And whatever strength I may possess or influence exert, shall always, as in years past, be exercised for the honor and perpetuation of the great truths and principles of our beloved order. May peace and prosperity attend you, and be with you always.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,
Grand High Priest.

Which Address was ordered to be referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address:.....	{	Comp. William Abraham Davies,
		" Doran Lucius Campbell,
		" Carnot Courtland Mason.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation:—

Twenty-eight days after the close of the Convocation of 1881, the proceedings thereat were printed and the usual number distributed as follows: One copy to each of the Grand Officers and elective Past Grand Officers; one copy to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters; four copies to each subordinate Chapter of our jurisdiction; and three copies were transmitted to each of the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

On the eighteenth day of April, 1881, copies of the resolutions revoking the charter of *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, together with a demand for the records, paraphernalia, etc., were forwarded to Comp. FRANK D. TUNIS, High Priest of said Chapter, but no attention was paid by him either to the request of the undersigned, or to the order of the Grand Chapter. After other fruitless efforts made to secure a compliance with the edict of Grand Chapter, Comp. RALPH KENNISTON NICHOLS was duly authorized to demand, receive, and transmit to this office the charter, books, and paraphernalia of *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54. In his efforts to carry out the instructions received, Comp. NICHOLS made several journeys to *Lakeport*, twenty-four miles distant, but was put off with one excuse or another until late in January (the 24th), when "Comp. TUNIS faithfully promised to box up the articles and express them to the Grand Secretary per W. F. & Co., that week." It is needless to add that the promise thus made to Comp. NICHOLS was not kept, nor have the articles in question been received by your Grand Secretary. Everything pertaining or belonging to the late *Lakeport* Chapter, is still in the hands of Comp. TUNIS. Your orders have been disregarded, and the property of this Grand Chapter wrongfully withheld from its legally authorized custodian.

In submitting the foregoing for such further action as this Grand Chapter may deem proper, it is proper to state that arrangements had been perfected by the undersigned for the sale of the paraphernalia referred to, on terms that would have insured the payment of all the debts of *Lakeport* Chapter. In this connection, and, in view of the time devoted, and the expense incurred by Comp. NICHOLS, in his endeavors to secure a compliance with the terms of the resolution adopted, the undersigned recommends that all dues, (if any), owing by Comp. NICHOLS to the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, be remitted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue to him a certificate of good standing as a Royal Arch Mason; thus enabling him to affiliate with some other Chapter of the jurisdiction. This may readily be done since Comp. NICHOLS became a member of the Chapter after the debt was contracted, and is not affected by the resolution adopted at the session of 1881.

Keystone Chapter, No. 56, to which a charter was granted at the last Grand Convocation, was properly constituted and the officers thereof duly installed by M. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME, Grand High Priest. And on the sixteenth day of May, the requirements of the report of your Committee on Charters having been fully complied with by *Signal* Chapter U. D., a charter was issued by order of the Grand High Priest, to *Signal* Chapter, No. 57—and the same was constituted and its officers duly installed by that officer; reports of which were respectively made, and are herewith submitted.

On the twenty-eighth day of September, 1881, by order of the Grand High Priest, a dispensation was issued to Comps. JAMES SUMMERFIELD DRYSDALE, HAMILTON COMFORT WHITING, ALEXANDER ARCHIBALD MCKENZIE, and six other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Greenville, Plumas County, to be called *Plumas* Chapter. The petition for the dispensation, and all the papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, By-Laws, and returned dispensation, together with the peti-

tion for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee.

During the year, the following special dispensations have been issued, by order of the Grand High Priest:

On the eighteenth day of August, 1881, to *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45, to ballot on a petition for the degrees within the period of time prescribed in the Constitution.

On the ninth day of January, 1882, to *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, to elect officers of the Chapter at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

Commissions to representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, have been issued, as follows:

July twentieth, 1881, to Comp. JOHN E. REARDON, near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

October fifteenth, 1881, to Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, near the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

Same date, to Comp. THOMAS MCF. PATTON, near the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Same date, to Comp. WILLIAM D. WADSWORTH, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

And on the fifteenth day of March, 1882, to Comp. JOHN W. OSLIN, near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

A resolution of *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, dated at La Porte, in Plumas County, in August, 1881, proposing to remove its place of meeting from the town above named to Quincy, in the same county—which proposed removal was approved by the Grand High Priest on the twentieth day of August, 1881—is herewith submitted.

Amendments to the By-Laws of several of the subordinate Chapters, relating to changes in the amounts of fees and dues, and in the time of holding the stated meetings, and all approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, are also submitted for reference to the proper committee.

The proceedings of the last Annual Convocation completed the sixth volume of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and one hundred volumes thereof have been bound, and are now ready for disposal at two dollars per volume, the price fixed by the Grand Chapter.

That Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is more prosperous than it has been for many years past will appear from the following, collated from the returns of subordinate Chapters for the year ending January 31st, 1882:—

Number exalted during the year,	288
“ affiliated,	55
“ restored,	17
“ petitioners for new Chapters,	9
Total increase,	369
Number withdrawn,	87
“ excluded,	20
“ suspended for non-payment of dues,	29
“ expelled,	1
“ died,	47
Total decrease,	184
Net increase,	185

The same net increase also appears from the following:—

Number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction as per returns of	
1882,	3117
Number as per returns of 1881,	2932
Net increase as above,	185

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's

Received from chartered Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1882,.....	\$4307 00
" " <i>Phumas</i> Chapter, dispensation fee,.....	75 00
" " " " dues to April 1st, 1882,.....	35 00
" " " " charter fee,.....	50 00
" " dispensations to elect officers,.....	5 00
" " " to ballot on petition,.....	5 00
" " ten diplomas,.....	20 00
" " sale of proceedings, (5 volumes,).....	10 00
" " dividends Masonic Hall Association,.....	585 00

Making total receipts for the year,.....\$5092 00

Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented,....\$5092 00

Thirty-two warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,
amounting in the aggregate to,.....\$3245 62

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,

Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation :—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

	DR.	
1881.		
April 12.	To balance on hand as per last report,.....	\$4823 78
1831.		CR.
April 13.	By amounts paid delegates, as per pay roll,.....	\$1115 50
" 13.	" " " Grand Officers, as per pay roll,....	171 50
" 18.	Paid Grand Guard, voucher No. 1,.....	25 75
May 2.	" for portrait of Past Grand High Priest TINNIN, voucher No. 4,.....	75 00
June 1.	" for printing proceedings, voucher No. 8,.....	772 55
" 1.	" for engrossing charter for <i>Signal</i> Chapter, No. 57, voucher No. 7.....	5 00
Sept. 27.	" for rent of Gr. Secretary's office, voucher No. 17,	300 00
Oct. 17.	" for Grand Organist, voucher No. 19,.....	25 00
" 19.	" for lettering frames of portraits of Grand High Priests, voucher No. 20,.....	8 50
Nov. 5.	" for binding proceedings, voucher No. 22,.....	75 00
1882.		
April 10.	" for salary Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 3, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 21, 25, 26, 29, 30, and 31,...	1800 00
" 10.	" for expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 32,.....	123 35
1881.		
Aug. 18.	" for dues to General Grand Chapter, No. 15,.....	29 47
		\$4532 62
Balance from last report account,.....		291 16

\$4823 78 \$4823 78

1882.	DR.	
April 10. To balance,.....	\$291 16	
" 10. To amounts received from Grand Recorder, to date,...	5092 00	
1882.		CR.
April 10. Balance, this date,.....		\$5383 16
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Assets of the Grand Chapter—

Cash on hand, as above,.....	\$5383 16
900 shares Masonic Hall stock,.....	9000 00
	<u>\$14,383 16</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. GRAVES,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report on the "books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer":—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances beg leave to report that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary's office, have verified and compared them by the returns of the several Chapters and the receipts of the Grand Treasurer. We have also examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer. We find the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary correct in every particular. We herewith submit a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter for the year ending April 10th, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of cash in hands of Grand Treasurer per report of April 12, 1881,...	\$4823 78
Dues received from chartered Chapters,.....	4307 00
" " " Chapters under dispensation,.....	35 00
Dispensation fee— <i>Plumas</i> Chapter,.....	75 00
Charter fee— <i>Plumas</i> Chapter,.....	50 00
Dispensation to elect officers,.....	5 00
" " ballot on petition,.....	5 00
From sale of 5 volumes of proceedings,.....	10 00
Fees for 10 diplomas,.....	20 00
Dividends on 900 shares Masonic Hall Association stock,.....	585 00
Total receipts,.....	<u>\$9915 78</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of delegates, Convocation of 1881,.....	\$1115 50
" " Grand Officers, 1881,.....	171 50
Salary of Grand Secretary and as Chairman of Com. on Correspondence,...	1800 00
" " " Organist,.....	25 00
" " " Guard,.....	25 00
Ice for session,.....	75
Printing and binding proceedings of 1881,.....	772 55

Binding 100 volumes proceedings of 1879-80-81,.....	\$ 75 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office,.....	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter,.....	29 47
Contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office, stamps, box rent, fuel, etc.,	142 85
Portrait Past Grand High Priest W. J. TINNIN,.....	75 00

\$4532 62

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MRAD, M. J. KEATING, H. N. RUCKER, F. H. DAY,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters—thirty-eight in number—have been received and reviewed:—

ALABAMA,.....	for Dec. 7, 1880	MINNESOTA,.....	for Oct. 11, 1880
ARKANSAS,.....	" Nov. 19, 1880	".....	" " 12, 1881
".....	" " 19, 1881	MISSISSIPPI,.....	" Feb. 7, 1881
CANADA,.....	" July 15, 1881	MISSOURI,.....	" May 5, 1881
COLORADO,.....	" Sept. 22, 1881	NEBRASKA,.....	" Dec. 20, 1881
CONNECTICUT,.....	" May 10, 1881	NEVADA,.....	" June 13, 1881
DELAWARE,.....	" Jan. 19, 1881	NEW HAMPSHIRE,.....	" May 17, 1881
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,.....	" Dec. 14, 1881	NEW JERSEY,.....	" Sept. 14, 1881
ENGLAND AND WALES,.....	" May 31, 1881	NEW YORK,.....	" Feb. 1, 1881
FLORIDA,.....	" Jan. 18, 1881	NORTH CAROLINA,.....	" May 31, 1881
GEORGIA,.....	" April 27, 1881	NOVA SCOTIA,.....	" June 1, 1880
ILLINOIS,.....	" Oct. 27, 1881	".....	" " 1, 1881
INDIANA,.....	" Oct. 19, 1881	OHIO,.....	" Sept. 21, 1881
IOWA,.....	" Oct. 5, 1881	OREGON,.....	" June 10, 1881
KANSAS,.....	" Feb. 15, 1881	QUEBEC,.....	" Sept. 27, 1881
KENTUCKY,.....	" Oct. 18, 1880	RHODE ISLAND,.....	" March 9, 1880
".....	" " 18, 1881	".....	" " 8, 1881
LOUISIANA,.....	" Feb. 15, 1881	SOUTH CAROLINA,.....	" Feb. 15, 1881
MAINE,.....	" May 3, 1881	TEXAS,.....	" Dec. 8, 1881
MARYLAND,.....	" Nov. 8, 1881	VERMONT,.....	" June 17, 1881
MASSACHUSETTS,.....	" Dec. 7, 1880	WISCONSIN,.....	" Feb. 15, 1881
MICHIGAN,.....	" Jan. 18, 1881		

The list includes all the Grand Chapters on this continent except four: Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. We have tried hard to obtain the missing proceedings by writing, coaxing, and cajoling, but the Grand Secretaries of those jurisdictions were "deaf to the voice of the charmer" and have left us to mourn over an incomplete report. *Verbum sat sap.*

ALABAMA.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery on the seventh day of December, 1880,—the M. E. JAMES HERVEY JOINER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DANIEL SAYRE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is entirely devoted to local matters. A little difficulty had arisen between two Chapters on the question of jurisdiction, but otherwise the serenity of the Masonic atmosphere was not disturbed. One Chapter, having its hall, records, and jewels destroyed by fire, was granted a remission of its dues, and a new charter free of charge. All Chapters which had forfeited their charters for non-payment of dues were authorized to reorganize, elect officers, and continue to work until the convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1881, when, if their dues were paid for that year, they are to be fully reinstated.

A resolution was adopted requiring the High Priests of subordinate Chapters to go through all the opening and closing ceremonies, except when prevented by "very emergent circumstances." We fear that some High Priests will consider almost any circumstances "very emergent" that will shorten the ceremony and relieve them from the trouble of opening and closing. The resolution is all right, nevertheless, only the term "very emergent circumstances" ought to be a little more particularly defined.

The veteran reporter, Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS, presented the Report on Correspondence, and, as usual, is well written, courteous, and interesting. His list contains the names of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, and several of them are reviewed for two years. He quotes approvingly from Comp. SPAULDING's address, and in reply to some jocose criticisms in our report, he says:—

"We know of no suspension of a Lodge or Chapter, and the term should not have been used. But, in this jurisdiction, if a Lodge shall fail to send representatives to the Grand Lodge for a specified period, (two years), or shall fail to pay its dues to the Grand Body for the same period, the Lodge forfeits its charter. Now, a member in good standing in a Lodge which has so forfeited its charter becomes simply, by the decease of his Lodge, an unaffiliated Mason—his standing in his Chapter not being affected thereby. This is what was meant by the term used by our G. H. Priest, nothing more. So we do not 'suspend whole families,' but exercise the acknowledged right of discipline.

"Though we think there should be no law requiring continuance of membership in a Lodge as requisite to a proper standing in a Chapter, yet we like and agree with the sentiments expressed in the following extract, and think them eminently right and proper. Under Iowa as follows:—

He then extracts from our comments upon the supremacy of allegiance to the Lodge, which seem to please him notwithstanding the heretical ideas above expressed.

Again he says:—

"We find from comments under Kansas that the rule in California in relation to reinstatement in the Lodge of one who has been suspended for non-payment of dues is the same as in this jurisdiction, viz.: that the suspended must pay 'his dues, not only up to the time of suspension, but also the amount that would have accrued against him had he not been suspended.'"

Under Maine, he shows the clearness of his mental vision in the following:—

"Companion D. devotes a great deal of space to the defense of the usage of Maine in relation to deprivation of membership in the Lodge. The weight of opinion is, however, opposed to this position, and Grand Lodges are ruling pretty generally as ours, the result of which is to make suspension uniform in its punishment. If the suspension be from Lodge association, is this not from Masonic association? Then how can one who is so suspended and refused Masonic communication by the immediate members of his family expect that others will be more kind than his own family? If he is esteemed unworthy to be received in his Lodge, how is it to be expected that he is to be esteemed worthy by the members of other Lodges?"

Under Minnesota, he hits Comp. PIERSON hard, and wonders what the self-styled "old fog" will say in response:—

"Companion P. thinks that suspension or expulsion by a Lodge does not *ipso facto* suspend or expel in the Chapter, just as Companion DRUMMOND, of Maine, thinks. We are astonished at this, but there is no accounting for all the vagaries of age, etc. We would like to know if such an one were to be admitted to his Chapter what he would do about it."

Comp. P.—we mean of Alabama—is no chicken, himself; his going for PIERSON on the “vagaries of age” is a good deal like the “pot calling the kettle black;” yet we are for the last P. all the time, but can no longer stop with him. This is to be a lightning report, and even our oldest friends must be content with brief notices.

There are thirty-four subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of several, if not more. Life is too short to waste time in footing up the tables. Grand Secretary SAYRE will please take notice.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The thirty first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Little Rock on the nineteenth day of November, 1880,—the *M. E. M. M. McGUIRE*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. LUKE E. BARBER* being Grand Secretary. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest speaks encouragingly of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction. One dispensation had been granted for the formation of a new Chapter, and the list of delinquent Chapters had been greatly reduced.

The following has the true ring:—

“New orders and attractive societies have sprung up within the past few years all over the land, and beneficiary systems have been the rage to such an extent as to cause some apprehension in the minds of a few worthy companions that Masonry would wane, unless it followed off in the wake of new systems. But we have no fears; nor do we favor such innovations on the body of Masonry. Our institution stands on higher ground. Its grand lessons inculcate benevolence and influence acts of relief from principle, and not of debt. It teaches its votaries to do right because it is right to do so; to succor the needy, to relieve the distressed, to bind up the broken heart, and pour consolation into the wounded spirit, because it is noble and God-like to do so; to cultivate the nobler parts of our nature and build on the sure foundation of principle, is our work, and the world was made better because of our existence, our mission; to cement the bands of enduring friendship, and to cultivate a spirit of sympathy for the weak and the fallen; to strengthen the ties of universal brotherhood, and arouse the nobler faculties of manhood; to cause men to stand erect, symmetrical in form, pure in life, and God-like in deeds, is the mission of Masonry. From its teachings the good of other societies follows, and of our stability we have nothing to fear while builded on such a rock. Let others go their way; we will go ours, and see in the end which accomplish the most good and stand unshaken by time the longest. We have no objections to the plans of other organizations; in their place they do good, and we bid them God-speed; but let us keep in our place, and all will be well.”

We note the following decisions:—

“The H. P., ‘by agreement,’ may call off his Chapter from labor to refreshment at a regular Convocation, to set a day preceding its next regular Convocation for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates who stand elected, or for the purpose of proceeding with a trial, or other business regularly begun and not finished up; but no application for membership or degrees shall be entertained, or balloting for candidates had, except at the time fixed by the By-Laws for the regular Convocation of the Chapter, save by special dispensation from the G. H. P.”

We cannot concur; it is far better to close.

“The members of one Chapter insist on their right to wear Royal Arch regalia in Blue Lodges. We demurred to Royal Arch Masons wearing regalia out of Chapter, except on festival occasions; but, it not being our province to exercise jurisdiction over Blue Lodges, we refer the question of how Master Masons shall be clothed to our *M. W.* Grand Master, whose province it is to regulate such matters.”

Were we Master of a Lodge, and members or visitors appeared in Royal Arch regalia, except by invitation, we should quietly suggest that they retire, and should also see that the suggestion was acted upon with prompt exactitude.

The Grand High Priest is apparently in favor of the “Mississippi Plan” relative to merging the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, but we trust, after the next meeting of the General Grand Council, all will unite under one general head. The committee to whom the matter was referred submitted the following report:—

"The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest as relates to the Cryptic degrees fraternally report that they have had the subject under consideration, and, in view of the importance of the questions involved in the reference, and for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the States which, like ours, have adopted or favored the plan of appending Councils to Chapters, and also for the purpose of seeing what may be the result of the attempt of the Detroit Convention to organize a General Grand Council, your committee respectfully ask to be allowed until your next Annual Convocation to make their report."

Which report, being amended as follows, was concurred in:—

"And in the meantime, the plan of consolidation heretofore adopted by this Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, shall stand and be carried out."

The thirty-second Annual Convocation was held in the city of Little Rock on the nineteenth day of November, 1881.—the *R. E.* C. H. BROWN, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the *E. L. E. BARBER*, Grand Secretary. Thirty-two subordinate Chapters were represented. In the evening the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, Comp. GEORGE THORNBURGH, appeared and took his station.

The Address is a very creditable paper, brief, but to the point. He announces the death of the Grand Scribe, Comp. E. T. DALE, and pays a kindly tribute to his memory. With reference to the Cryptic degrees he says:—

"I know it will be next to impossible to sustain, with any show of life, separate Councils and a separate Grand Council in this State; but I think we had better plod along at ever so poor a gait than to do work that will be called spurious by a respectable part of the Craft. The subject is in your hands, and will doubtless be brought up again by a careful and wise report of our committee appointed for the purpose."

It is gratifying to know that so many of the veterans who participated in the organization of the Grand Chapter are still upon the stage of action. Upon this subject the Grand High Priest discourses as follows:—

"Companions, while death has removed from us some noble companions, yet we have cause for the exercise of gratitude that so many are here. This Grand Chapter was organized just thirty years ago. Since then, war, pestilence, and disease have swept over our land. The young and the middle-aged have fallen in battle, and the aged have been gathered to their fathers; yet God, in his providence, has spared to us the first Grand High Priest, the first Grand Treasurer, and the first Grand Secretary the Grand Chapter ever had—the Grand Secretary occupying the same position now, and Comp. DODGE but recently retired from the position he filled when the Grand Chapter was brought forth.

"Three decades have rolled by us with all the panoramic changes of peace and war—of prosperity and adversity; yet the pilots who so successfully steered the royal craft at the beginning of those decades are with us to-day, ready and willing to take hold of the wheel in any emergency—*ENGLISH, BARBER, DANNELLY*, the fountains of the law, the humor and the ritual of Arkansas Masonry.

"There are other wise and good craftsmen spared to us whom we delight to honor, and who would be an honor and an ornament to any organization. No Grand Chapter has been more blessed than ours, and none are more grateful than we. We have already, through the Grand Chaplain, given thanks to God for his mercies, and doubtless we all feel that, notwithstanding the drouth and depression of business, we have cause for individual and universal thanksgiving."

The committee to whom was referred, at the last Annual Convocation, the matter of merging the Cryptic and Capitular degrees, presented an elaborate report, to which was appended the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter consents to repeal the Act of Consolidation adopted by it and the Grand Council in January, 1879, and that when the Grand Council shall reorganize under its Constitution, and assent to this resolution, it shall then take effect, and that the Grand Secretary restore to the custody of the Grand Recorder all books, papers, records, documents, and assets in his hands belonging to the Grand Council or its subordinates.

"The committee would add that Royal and Select Masters made in Councils appended to Chapters are not recognized as regular by any of the State Grand Councils nor by the General Grand Council; and inasmuch as a large majority of the Grand Councils have disapproved the consolidation plan, and some of the States which adopted it have abandoned it, and others no doubt will, we may, with all self-respect, yield to the current of Masonic judicial views, for the sake of harmony."

It affords us great pleasure to record this action of our Arkansas companions. Nineteen out of the twenty-four Grand Councils in the United States have now ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and we trust the remaining five will soon follow their example.

The Committee on Finances reported a balance on hand of \$170 08.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The *M. E.* CALKB H. STONE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JAMES A. HENRY was elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Hamilton on the fifteenth day of July, 1881,—the *M. E.* Comp. DANIEL SPRY, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E.* Comp. DAVID McLELLAN being Grand Scribe E. Fifty-four out of seventy-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand Z. is very brief, and entirely local in its character. He reports continued prosperity and the absence of any disturbing element. He calls attention to the fact that the Grand Chapter was now assembled in the city where, in January, 1857, it was organized, and congratulates his companions upon the progress made both in civic and Masonic affairs since that time. He deems the fact that no dispensations have been granted during the year to form new Chapters a matter of congratulation, and thinks that a refusal to grant further dispensations, unless in localities where there are several surrounding Lodges, will be highly beneficial to the working of the present Chapters. We concur.

The Grand Scribe E. receives from him a handsome compliment, which is well deserved.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various districts show that our Canadian companions are enjoying more than an average degree of prosperity, and that the fraternal fires burn brightly upon their altars.

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Z., in their report, say:—

“Your committee are glad to perceive that the number of special dispensations granted is diminishing (only three were granted), and trust that in the near future the necessity for these dispensations will be entirely removed.”

From the report of the Finance Committee we find that the total assets of the Grand Chapter, including \$1,802 47 cash on hand, are \$7,802 47.

The following looks ominous of evil. Leave all such schemes to the proper benevolent societies, companions, and let Masonry stand upon the broad basis of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth:—

“Resolved, That a special committee, consisting of the following members, viz.: *R. E.* Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON, *M. E.* Comp. DANIEL SPRY, and *M. E.* Comp. L. H. HENDERSON, be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of organizing a scheme of benevolence in connection with the funds of the Grand Chapter, and to report some such scheme, if found advisable, at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.”

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON, is an able review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, including those of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In his review of California for 1881, Comp. ROBERTSON quotes freely from the Address of *M. E.* Comp. TINKIN, and makes liberal extracts from our report of that year. He says: “Under head of ‘Nebraska’ Comp. CASWELL gives the correct interpretation of the decision of the General Grand Chapter on the question of the union of the Council degrees with those of the Chapter.” We are pleased to know that Comp. ROBERTSON agrees with us in this, and we have no doubt, now that nineteen Grand Jurisdictions have proclaimed their allegiance to the General Grand Council, the remaining five will soon follow, and peace and harmony will again be restored throughout the nine arches.

Although the blush of modesty tinges our *cheek* as we write, for fear that our companions in California may never discover what Comp. ROBERTSON has brought to light, we give his parting shot at us. He says:—

"Comp. CASWELL is an able writer, and his comments are always direct and to the point. We regret not being able to extract more from his valuable report."

We hope Comp. ROBERTSON will pay us a visit in '83, and give us an opportunity to tell him in person what we think of him.

Under the head of Nebraska, he quotes from Comp. WARREN's report, sustaining the action of California and Pennsylvania relative to the admission of visitors, which is as follows:—

"He complains of the action of the Grand Chapters of California and Pennsylvania, which require an applicant to visit to declare that his 'name has not been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in his Lodge or Chapter;' says such action is a violation of Masonic comity; that when, notwithstanding certain disabilities are pronounced against him, a Mason is declared by the supreme law in his own jurisdiction to be in good standing, it is arrogance, or worse, for us or any other Grand Chapter to insist that he is not in good standing. And there is a modicum of reason and sound law in his position. But, Comp. ROBERTSON, is it not competent for the Grand Chapter of Nebraska to declare who may be admitted to our subordinates? to declare that any Mason, suspended for any cause, or 'stricken from the roll,' or 'excluded from membership,' shall not be allowed to visit our Chapters? It does seem to us that the right to make such a regulation exists. Let us illustrate: Suppose the Grand Chapter of Canada, by a clause in its Constitution, should declare the wives of all Past Grand Zs. eligible to receive the degrees, and, when so conferred, the ladies to be in good standing, would it be a violation of 'comity' in us to exclude them?"

"No French Mason can visit our Lodges now, although they are declared to be in good standing in France, when made. Is this a violation of Masonic law or usage? Unless, therefore, you say that no Grand Chapter can define for itself who are in 'good standing'—in other words, who are worthy a seat at our Convocations, the Grand Chapters of California and Pennsylvania are clearly right in their regulation. If they have not the power—or right.—then, of course, their action is indefensible, and it seems to us that Companions ROBERTSON and DRUMMOND are wrong in insisting that their own interpretation is to be accepted without question in other jurisdictions, nor do we think that a Grand Chapter 'violates the Masonic obligations' when it does so legislate. But this question will doubtless be obsolete before another year.

"But time and space are alike fully used. We like the positive tone of our Canadian craftsmen, and feel a degree of respect for a man who defends even a wrong principle sturdily, when we can see that he is honest in his opinions. When we accuse Comp. ROBERTSON of defending 'wrong principles,' we are aware, of course, that he has the right to characterize our utterances as heterodox, and that would make it even."

Upon the foregoing Comp. ROBERTSON comments as follows:—

"We acknowledge, without hesitation, that any Grand Chapter may make such regulations as it pleases regarding the admission of visitors. We have the same right, and if our members in good standing are debarred from visiting in Nebraska, we may also prohibit their members in good standing from visiting here. What we complain of is that these resolutions violate what we have always understood to be a maxim of inter-jurisdictional Masonic custom, that a Mason's standing at home determines his standing abroad. France is hardly a case in point. The whole craft there is under a ban, but not until after they have been fully warned of the consequences of their proposed action, and disregarding those warnings, they persisted, and accepted all the results.

"The other illustration of Comp. WARREN is equally out of place. When such a case arises, it will be time enough to consider it then, and we would expect some unfavorable comments. But in this case, we decline to punish the non-payment of dues with the same severity as un-Masonic conduct.

"We think that the two offenses should not be placed on a par. We think that un-Masonic conduct should render the offender liable to greater punishment than the non-payment of dues. This is simply a matter of local regulation and of detail in our management which we surely have a right to provide for. And because we do this, because we are more merciful to our poor companions than others are, we are condemned. Other Grand Chapters say to us that we shall not do so, and that if we do, our members will not be permitted to visit. No doubt these Grand Chapters have the right to be as uncourteous and unfriendly as they please, but none will deny us the right to tell them just what we think about their action."

Comp. ROBERTSON appears to misapprehend this question entirely. We do not punish the offence of non-payment of dues with the same severity with which we visit un-Masonic conduct, because the brother who is suspended for non-payment of dues has it in his power to restore himself by simply complying with the law which he has unhesitatingly promised to obey; whereas the member suspended for un-Masonic conduct can only be restored by action of the Lodge or Grand Lodge. We consider the case of France to be a proper illustration. It matters not whether the whole Craft or only a portion of them are "under a ban." It is a sovereign jurisdiction, and arguing from Comp. ROBERTSON's stand-point, the *status* of its members at home must regulate their standing abroad.

The "other illustration" to which Comp. ROBERTSON alludes, is, we confess, not a happy one and had better have been omitted, such a case being simply impossible under the universal law of Masonry; but when he virtually declares that the Craft in Canada are more merciful to their poor companions than are the Masons of California or Pennsylvania, we take issue with him at once. We unhesitatingly assert that, so far as California is concerned, no Mason who is really unable to pay his dues, will ever be suspended for their non-payment. No brother is ever suspended without due notice of his indebtedness, and ample time is given him to pay, or make some reasonable excuse for not paying, before action is taken. When a brother is notified that he is six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge or Chapter, it is his duty to attend at the next stated meeting and either pay the amount, ask further time, or a remission; and if he fails to do this, he shows a contempt for the law and a reckless disregard of his obligations, and should be punished therefor. The law leniently allows him to avoid the penalty of its infraction at his own volition, and punishes no poor and deserving brother on account of his poverty.

Under the head of Ohio, we find the following, in which we fully concur:—

"We noticed last year that before the Grand Chapter was opened it was thought necessary to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in order to ascertain if a constitutional number of Chapters were represented. We cannot see the necessity of this operation. We open our Grand Chapter without any such formality, the Grand Z., of course, being satisfied that a sufficient number is present. We would ask Comp. MELISSA, as he has doubtless been asked before, what Chapter is it that they open? What is its number? And who are its officers? And whence did it derive its charter? It seems nonsensical to us to say that the Grand Chapter cannot open itself directly, without calling to its aid a subordinate body. We are aware that in Ohio it is done because it is their custom, but if a custom is obviously absurd it is the part of wisdom to abolish it."

There are in this jurisdiction seventy-six subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 3480.

The *M. E.* DONALD ROSS was elected Grand Z., and the *R. E.* DAVID McLELLAN was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO.

The seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Denver on the twenty-second day of September, 1881,—the *M. E.* JOHN S. TITCOMB, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ED. C. PARMELEE being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest briefly recites his official acts, and is a good business paper. In one instance he was obliged to appoint a special deputy to open and hold a subordinate Chapter, all the Council having permanently removed their residences from Leadville, where the Chapter was located. He appears to have entertained some doubt as to his power to make such appointment, but we can see no reason to doubt that he was perfectly justified in so doing under the circumstances. He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter; reminded his companions that the General Grand Chapter of the United States will hold their triennial Convocation in Denver in August, 1883, and hinted that a report from

the committee appointed to make the necessary preparations would be in order. The following is well and strongly put:—

“As no edifice can be sound or certain of lasting duration without suitable foundations, so we who are now laying the foundation of what may become a mighty edifice in Masonry, should see to it that every stone therein and every part thereof be sound, true, and of just proportion, every part fixed with exact nicety, that those who come after may know that the work has been good work, true work, square work, just such work as will last through the ages to come. I trust, therefore, that with all earnestness and especial forethought for the future welfare of the Royal Craft we may discuss and determine on all the points of interest and importance which come before us at this season. And not only now, but in everything our hands find to do during the years of our labor here, that at last we may each hear the words from the Great Grand High Priest of Heaven, ‘Well done good and faithful servant.’”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1,946.48.

The Triennial Committee, in response to the hint given by the Grand High Priest submitted the following report:—

“Your committee to whom was referred the matter of making arrangements for the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter two years hence would report that they expect to obtain reduced rates from all the leading hotels; to arrange for a carriage ride around the city of Denver; to give the representatives and officers of the General Grand Chapter a banquet and a free excursion to some point in the mountains to be selected by this Grand Chapter; all the expense of which shall be raised by subscription.”

Comp. R. W. WOODBURY again presents the Report on Correspondence, which is a decided improvement upon that of last year. He is disposed to be facetious upon the subject of mutual admiration, and his remarks are by no means without point. He says:—

“Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally submit their report. We have not confined ourselves to so brief a review as last year, and hope those esteemed contemporaries from other jurisdictions who criticised the former on that account will be delighted beyond measure at this. We have had but a limited supply of taffy at command—not enough to go around if divided up among each of the Grand High Priests and reporters, but we desire to say right here that the Grand High Priest’s Address was a model of wisdom, strength, and beauty, while the Report on Correspondence was a brilliant exposition of the various Masonic questions under discussion. We invite each companion to walk up and help himself to that portion of praise he likes the best. Seriously, however, we think there is too much praise in the reports; it is used too promiscuously, but, doubtless, with the very proper desire to express good feeling. Still, when we find a reporter saying that he is ‘gratified to note the facts stated by the Grand High Priest,’ and then gives this quotation from the High Priest’s Address:

“‘Since we last met our jurisdiction has again been visited by that fearful pestilence which last year desolated so many happy homes, and caused our Order to mourn for the loss of so many of our companions. Again poor Memphis has been made desolate by an epidemic of yellow fever, and thousands of her citizens mourn for the loved ones who repose in the silent chambers appointed for the living.’

Then we say praise and expressions of gratification had better be altogether omitted or applied more sparingly. We trust we have not gone too far in the other direction, but if we have we are willing to be forgiven.”

In his review of California for 1881 he extracts liberally from our report, heartily approves portions of it, and condemns none. He is a little restive at our criticisms upon his last report, which were written in the most kindly spirit and only intended to elicit from him just such a report as he has now written.

He is opposed to the practice of giving testimonials to retiring Grand Officers, and thus expresses himself under the head of Canada:—

“The Grand Chapter followed in the footsteps of many others by voting a testimonial to its presiding officer—a practice that we strongly condemn. The funds can be better appropriated, and such a presentation adds no honor to the recipient. His election to the position is all the honor he is entitled to or can receive. Still, if it be desired to add an extra mark of esteem, vote him a resolution embodying the facts, have them neatly enrolled on parchment and framed, and present him with that. He will esteem it higher than anything else.”

He disagrees with Comp. LARNER, of the District of Columbia, as to the power of the High Priest to remove an appointed officer after his installation, upon which subject he says:—

“The High Priest cannot oblige any appointed officer to break his obligation to perform the duties of his office; and summary removal from office is an *ex parte* declaration of guilt, which should only follow charges. If the complaint be that of incompetency, then the High Priest is the party who should suffer for having made the appointment in the first place. The Grand Chapter looks to that officer to use wisdom and discretion in making his appointments. If he fails to do this, he should bear the blame and not seek to remedy it by committing a wrong upon a companion who does the best he knows how.”

Comp. WOODBURY is upon the wrong track here; the High Priest cannot always tell whether an appointee will prove competent or not. It too frequently happens that an officer, after his appointment and installation, neglects his duty entirely, and leaves it to be performed by another. In such a case we believe the High Priest or Council should have the power to remove the unfaithful officer and appoint in his stead one who will properly perform the duties of the office. Such is our practice in California, and it has worked well.

There are ten chartered Chapters and one U. D. in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 539. The M. E. ROGER W. WOODBURY retires from the Committee on Correspondence and takes the sceptre of Grand High Priest. The Grand Secretary was re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

This venerable Grand Body held its eighty-third Annual Convocation in the city of New Haven on Tuesday, the tenth day of May, 1881,—the M. E. Comp. DWIGHT PHELPS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER being Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented at the opening.

The Grand High Priest in his Address announces the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest EDWIN HOYT, at the age of eighty-one years.

The Reports of the various Grand Officers show a fair degree of prosperity and activity among the Craft. One charter was granted to the requisite number of Companions to form a new Chapter, and the remaining legislation was entirely local.

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, who succeeded in obtaining the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters save Alabama, Kansas, Nevada, and Rhode Island. His review of California for 1880 is courteous and fraternal. He quotes liberally from Comp. SRAULDING's address, and has a good word to say for our report. In his “conclusion” he says:—

“In the matter of the transfer of the Council Degrees, we think no progress has been made the past year, but rather a falling off of zeal in that direction.

“The resolutions passed by the General Grand Chapter upon the subject have been construed in some jurisdictions as an injunction against such union, which has caused one jurisdiction to reconsider its action and reorganize its Grand Council, and another which had the subject under consideration, voted almost unanimously to adhere to its Council organization.

“Among the events of the past year is the birth of another general organization, ‘The General Grand Council.’ The wisdom of this movement we do not propose to discuss. It becomes us to guard against any confusion or dissensions among companions, which in some jurisdictions, we fear, may result therefrom. What we have said on this subject as well as opinions expressed in this report, the writer is responsible, not his Grand Chapter.”

We apprehend no difficulty from the organization of the General Grand Council, but believe it will be instrumental in settling present differences and preventing prospective ones.

There are thirty-nine subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 4,112.

The M. E. CHARLES W. SKIFF was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

This Grand Chapter held its thirteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington on the nineteenth day of January, 1881,—the *M. E. JOHN W. LAWSON*, Grand High Priest presiding, the *R. E. H. B. MOLTYER* being Grand Secretary. Six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest shows thoughtful care in its preparation and is replete with those exalted sentiments which should characterize every true and earnest Mason. He announces the melancholy death of *R. E. Comp. A. T. A. TORBERT*, Past Grand Secretary, who was drowned on the ill-fated steamer *Vera Cruz*, on her passage from New York to Mexico. In this connection the Grand High Priest says:—

“I will not attempt to recite the details of that scene as furnished us by the few survivors; only this, that the last crowning act of his heroic life was a manly effort to cheer his companions when death boarded the doomed vessel, and the noble efforts he made to save the life of a little child. Thus, at a moment when brave men stood appalled, our companion displayed that noble self-possession and moral courage that proclaimed the hero and gives to his character as a Mason its richest halo.

“His body was recovered and interred at his home in Milford. Death came to *Comp. TORBERT* with all its stern realities, but it found him a noble man, a noble soldier, and a noble Mason. I only wish it had fallen to the lot of one more able than myself to chronicle the ending of such an illustrious life. Is there not a lesson for each one of us in the death of our companion in this, that in whatever form the grim messenger may come to us, we may have our work so fashioned that it will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's Square, and as we draw near the vale of death, enabled by the Signet of Eternal Truth, we may enter into the presence of the Supreme High Priest, to go no more out forever.”

He reports the year just passed to have been a quiet one—so quiet as apparently to indicate but little life in Royal Arch Masonry; and this he thinks is attributable to the fact that members of the Order do not live and act in accordance with the principles taught by the institution, and he demands that the “fountain shall be purified at its source.”

Delaware desired a modification of the law passed by the General Grand Chapter, requiring the presence of nine members of the Chapter before any business other than conferring degrees can be transacted, and the Grand High Priest sent a communication to the parent body asking such modification. The communication was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported, denying the request on the ground that the rule, in its precise terms, had been incorporated into the Constitution and was now part of the organic law. We think that where Chapters are so small and weak that nine members cannot be obtained for the transaction of business, it would be far better to consolidate with some stronger body, or else surrender its charter.

The following recommendation we cannot endorse:—

“I would also recommend that Chapters be opened in the R. A. degree on all occasions, and then duly called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of opening whatever Lodge it may be necessary to do work; after which labor can be resumed in the Chapter and closed as a Chapter, which will avoid calling what is termed a Convocation, and only opening and closing on one of the inferior degrees.”

We can see no object in opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons if only an inferior degree is to be conferred, and we are not surprised that the Chapters in Delaware find it difficult to obtain a quorum if this course is pursued. We ventilated our ideas pretty thoroughly upon this question in our last report, and see no reason to change the opinions therein expressed.

He calls attention to the levity sometimes indulged in while conferring some of the degrees, and we are in full accord with him in denouncing the unseemly practice.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$7.99. It is a pity the odd cent could not have been added, thus making the sum an even \$8. The Finance Committee report a balance due by the subordinate Chapters of \$196, which added to the \$7.99, makes the assets of the Grand Chapter \$203.99.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of conferring the Council degrees in the Chapter, reported that "as the General Grand Chapter of the United States at its last Triennial Convocation decided that it had no jurisdiction over the Council degrees, therefore your committee deem it inexpedient for this Grand Chapter to take any action in relation to the same." Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Comp. WILLIAM G. LEWIS presented a brief Report on Correspondence (36 pp.) in which he manages to condense a good deal of information. We would like to read Comp. LEWIS on a more extended scale.

In noticing our squib on Delaware last year, he says:—

"We wish Comp. BUDD were here with his facile pen to reply to this boast. But as he is not we let it go, only repeating the now well-known invitation, for our peaches are luscious beyond comparison; our oysters—you ought to see Comp. BUDD sit down to a dish of fried! Our fish are the shad you cannot surpass in delicacy and flavor; our strawberries—language fails to describe their sweetness and aroma; our houses are homes—not hotels, even though the latter be Palaces; our hearts are large enough to take in the Masonic world, and our expectations are only bounded by the possible."

Comp. LEWIS includes in his review the proceedings of his own Grand Chapter—not a bad idea, but one not generally acted upon. Under the head of Iowa, he replies to Comp. LANGRIDGE, who, in answer to our argument in favor of making Chapter membership dependent upon membership in the Lodge, says:—

"Companion CASWELL, of California, argues strongly in favor of making Chapter membership dependent on membership in the Blue Lodge. We regret that we cannot agree with him. If a companion prefers the Chapter, and for satisfactory reasons prefers not to belong to the Lodge, why not allow him his preference? Is it for the sake of his dues, the mere money consideration? A non-affiliate, in many jurisdictions, is deprived of all Masonic privileges, except that of applying for membership. If, with this before him, he chooses to lay aside Lodge membership and retain it in Chapter, why not allow him to do so? He may find the duties and expenses of one all he can fairly stand, and its advantage all he desires to retain—why not allow him to choose which it shall be? The boast of Masonry is its freedom. If he prefers to lay aside all Lodge rights with Lodge burdens, and to retain those of the Chapter, why may he not?"

To this Comp. LEWIS says:—

"This is all fine, but is fallacious. We think that Operative Masonry and Capitular Masonry are the two parts of one beautiful whole, the beauty of which is marred and the strength of which is broken by their separation. The Lodge and the Chapter are two distinct bodies, as arithmetic and algebra are two distinct studies; yet it would puzzle the algebraist to pursue his studies without his arithmetic."

The six chartered Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total membership of 326.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The usual Semi-annual and Special Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held, but, except at one Special Convocation, no business of general interest was transacted. This Special Convocation was held in the city of Washington on the twenty-sixth day of June, 1881, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of that deeply lamented and illustrious Mason, ALBERT G. MACKAY.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter in Ample Form and the appointment of a Committee on Resolutions, the companions were formed in procession, and, "accompanied by the several Commanderies, *Lafayette* Lodge and *Lafayette* Chapter, of the York Rite, and the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Consistory, of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, proceeded to his late residence, thence to All Souls' Church, where the Church and Scottish Rite burial services were performed; after which the procession re-formed and moved to Glenwood Cemetery, where the remains were interred with the usual Masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia."

The fifteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Washington on the fourteenth day of December, 1881,—the *M. E. J. H. JOCHUM*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. C. W. HANCOCK* being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, thus touchingly alludes to the death of Comp. *MACKEY*, Past Grand High Priest, and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States:—

“On the twentieth day of June last the Fraternity was startled by the announcement of the death of our dearly beloved and highly esteemed companion *ALBERT G. MACKEY*, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. It would be useless for me to attempt to describe the feeling of profound sorrow caused by this sad announcement. Familiar as we all were with him, meeting him so often while assembled around our Holy Altar, and relying upon him to an unlimited extent when in doubt upon any principle of Masonic law or usage, it can scarcely be wondered at that we felt as if one of the strongest pillars in our fabric had been suddenly snapped asunder. His fame is not confined within the narrow limits of our jurisdiction, but wherever Masonry exists his name stands out in bold relief as that of a wise and accomplished Mason.

“Having appointed Past Grand High Priests *N. D. LARSEN* and *M. TRIMBLE*, and Past High Priest *WILLIAM R. SINGLETON*, of *Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 7*, a committee to prepare suitable action for the occasion, and lest I might encroach upon the duty assigned them, I will refrain from any further reference to this sad affliction other than to announce that Companion *MACKEY* was buried with full Masonic honors on the twenty-sixth day of June last, at Glenwood Cemetery, all the Masonic Orders of which he was a member, accompanied by all the Commanderies of Knights Templar of this city and a number from other jurisdictions participating in the ceremonies, Past Grand High Priest *I. L. JOHNSON* acting as pall bearer on behalf of this Grand Chapter.”

He also notices in appropriate terms the death of President *GARFIELD*, and in this connection says:—

“Since the death of our late Companion *GARFIELD*, the Masonic organizations of which he was a member, viz.: *Pentalfa Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. M.; Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1; Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. Scottish Rite*, moved by a desire to perpetuate the memory of his many virtues and his untimely death, have united in an effort to erect an institution designed to remain in existence for all time to come, to be established as a purely Masonic institution, and one which will give every Mason an opportunity to contribute to, as well as to share in its benefits. This is a subject which appeals to the heart of every Mason who takes the least pride in the fact that we have had in our ranks one who, by his exemplary conduct, untiring zeal, wise statesmanship, and innumerable other virtues, so endeared himself to the nation as to win for himself the highest station known to man; and it seems to me it will only require an announcement of the fact that its establishment is contemplated to insure it a hearty and substantial support. A Board of Directors have been elected from the several bodies designated above, who have chosen the following officers: President, *M. M. PARKER, R. W.*; Senior Grand Warden and Past Commander of *Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T.*; Vice President, *J. H. JOCHUM, M. E.*; Grand High Priest; Recording Secretary, *JAS. F. ALLEN, P. M. Pentalfa Lodge, No. 23*; Corresponding Secretary, *M. TRIMBLE, W. M. of Rose Croix Chapter, A. and A. S. Rite*. A certificate of incorporation, in accordance with the forms of law, has been filed, and I feel assured that the enterprise will be pushed forward to a successful completion in the shortest time possible.

“While it is true that appeals to Masons throughout the country for pecuniary assistance in the establishment of National Masonic Institutions have not heretofore met with hearty responses, yet it is believed that in this instance, the appeal being made for so noble an object, and its establishment being fixed at the Capital of the Nation, where our lamented President received the greater part of his Masonic light and knowledge, and where he established that fame which so endeared him to the people of all nations, creeds, and political opinions, will overcome all objections raised against former appeals of this nature, and insure it such a success as will redound to the credit of all who will assist in its consummation.”

We trust the enterprise may meet with unqualified success.

The Grand High Priest gives some most excellent advice relative to the respective duties of Secretaries and Treasurers of subordinate Chapters, and also recommends that the minutes of each meeting of a Chapter be read and approved before

closing, in order to give all who participated in the meeting an opportunity to know that the record is correct.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$983.45. The financial standing of each subordinate Chapter is given, which shows a prosperous condition of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction; the highest balance being \$891.52, and the lowest, being the youngest Chapter, \$49.73.

The Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances found nothing to occupy their attention; a good sign.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer reported that he had made fifty-seven visits to subordinate Chapters during the year, and pays the officers of the several Chapters a flattering compliment for their zeal and efficiency.

Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, and was received and recognized as such.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from his able pen, which is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. We are sorry to find that California is not noticed in his review, and that, although so lately appointed our Representative, he seems to ignore us altogether; as he first gives us a list of the proceedings he has received, in which California does not appear, and secondly a list of those which he did not receive, among which California has no place. So we appear to be "left out in the cold" altogether. Well, Comp. LARNER, we will do you the justice to believe there is some mistake, and lay all the blame upon one or the other of those convenient scape-goats, the Post Office or the printer.

He mentions fourteen Grand Chapters from which he has received no proceedings this year, and Nebraska is credited with being a delinquent for two years. There must be a screw loose somewhere when so large a number fail to come to hand. If we miss as many as three or four we don our growling cap at once, and shoot postal cards at the delinquents, until, like Captain SCOTT's coon, they are glad to "come down." The report is one of the best of the season, and there is much in it we would gladly extract and comment upon, but our limits are reached.

The eight subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 1095, being a net gain of ten during the year.

The M. E. JAMES P. PEARSON was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. LEWIS G. STEPHENS was elected Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The half-yearly Communication of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales was held at Freemason Tavern, in the city of London, on the thirtieth day of November, 1880—the R. W. Bro. Lord HENNIKER, D. G. M. M., presiding, the R. W. Bro. F. BINCKES being Grand Secretary.

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending September 30th, 1880, was 572. The total number of registered advancements to the same date is 1,486. Warrants for seven new Lodges were issued. The number of certificates of elevation to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner was ninety-nine, and five warrants were issued for the formation of new Lodges of this degree, which Lodges are attached to the regular Mark Lodges. Considerable discussion was had relative to the status of honorary members, but no conclusion was reached.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the thirty-first day of May, 1881, the Right Honorable the Earl of LATHOM, G. M. M. M., presiding. After the Grand Lodge had been opened, the Grand Master announced that His Royal Highness Prince LEOPOLD, Duke of Albany, had consented to accept the appointment of Past Grand Master of the Mark degree, and by acclamation the Prince was proclaimed and saluted as Past Grand Master of the Order.

The funds of this Grand Body are in excellent condition, as the following balances, reported by the Grand Treasurer, will show :—

To the credit of the General Fund.....	£426	4	4
“ “ “ Benevolent Fund.....	142	15	10
“ “ “ Education Fund.....	117	3	11
	£686	4	1

Equivalent to \$3,430 26.

There are also invested the following sums :—

General Fund.....	£1,700	0	0
Benevolent Fund.....	1,400	0	0
Education Fund.....	500	0	0

Making a total of.....£3,600 0 0

Or \$18,000; which, added to the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, makes a grand total of \$21,430 26.

This Grand Body has under its jurisdiction two hundred and ninety-eight subordinates, and thirty-two provincial Grand Lodges.

The Right Honorable Lord HENNIKER was elected Grand Mark Master Mason and the V. W. FREDERICK BINCKES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master the Earl of LATHOM, upon retiring from the chair, was presented with an elegant jewel, as a token of the appreciation of the Grand Lodge for his eminent services to Masonry in general and to Mark Masonry in particular.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Jacksonville on the eighteenth day of January, 1881,—the M. E. ROBERT J. PERRY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, being Grand Secretary. Seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in an eloquent exordium, points out the duty of Royal Arch Masons to each other and to mankind at large, and exhorts his companions to make use of the gifts with which Providence has blessed them for the benefit of less fortunate brethren, in relieving distress and in ameliorating the condition of the suffering and afflicted. In this connection he truly says :—

“ When the gifts of Providence are sordidly devoted to the sole and narrow purposes of self, they are vain and unprofitable to their possessor, because they are beneficial to no other creature in existence. The destitute beggar is as happy as the miserable miser who broods over his buried millions.”

He reports that no disturbing element has marred the general harmony during the year, and no question of jurisprudence or construction of law has been presented to vex his soul with indignation at the cranial density of his subordinates, but “ peace and plenty had reigned within their walls.” We rejoice with our companions in their prosperity and will offer oblations for its long continuance. Two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters had been granted during the year.

A resolution was adopted recognizing the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as a regular Masonic organization, and extending to it fraternal courtesies as such.

A question as to the proper relation between Royal Arch Masonry in England and that of the United States, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but we find no report from that committee.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$194 49.

From the returns of six Chapters we find the total membership to be 206, a decrease of six during the year.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The M. E. W. A. McLEAN was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Macon on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1881,—the *M. E.* J. W. OSLIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. EMMET T. BLACKSHEAR being Grand Secretary. Twenty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an extempore Address, having been prevented from preparing a written one by severe injuries received in being thrown from his carriage. In answer to the Grand Secretary, who wrote for a copy of the Address, the Grand High Priest stated that he was unable to furnish a copy, as he was still disabled from the accident; but he writes:—

“My highest ambition during my term of office as Grand High Priest was to impress the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia that our noble Order, without a high-toned morality engrafted on it, was a worthless institution. Its moral and social features are its chief attractions. A ‘good Mason and true’ will observe the moral law. Intemperance, gambling and swearing are wholly at variance with the fundamental teachings of our noble Craft. A higher standard of morality is demanded. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth preserve us until the hour of refreshment comes, and then may we be permitted to enter the ‘sanctum sanctorum,’ and enter upon the rest of the finally faithful.”

A pretty good Address in itself, if proper heed is given to the sentiments it contains.

The proceedings proper cover only fourteen pages of the annual, and are of local interest only.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The *M. E.* CHARLES E. LAMBDIN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* E. J. EMMET T. BLACKSHEAR was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1881,—the *M. E.* SILAS O. VAUGHAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD being Grand Secretary. Something more than one hundred subordinate Chapters were represented; all the Grand Officers were in their places, and ten Past Grand High Priests lent dignity to the occasion.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is well prepared, concise, and business-like. He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and refused one for a similar purpose on the ground that vicinal Chapters might be injured. He recommends that an amount be fixed to be charged for special dispensations; and we think if a good price were charged for each of these law-breakers, there would be a greatly decreased demand for them.

He states that during the year he has been “called upon to answer many questions and make decisions, most of them of minor importance, which have been answered by reference to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.” And by reference to the report of the Committee on “Doings of Grand Officers,” we find that this labor alone involved a correspondence of more than five hundred pages. The Grand High Priest of Illinois has no sinecure, and we no longer wonder that the Grand Chapter should vote him an annual salary for his services.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$9,292 66.

E. C. Comp. SAMUEL SHANNON presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, and was duly accredited, with the usual honors.

The number of Chapters in this jurisdiction reach to 183; of this number fourteen are vacant, leaving 169 now borne upon the registry. We judge from the report of the Committee on Returns that a good many more numbers ought to be vacant, as fourteen of those now upon the roll have made returns but have paid no dues; ten have neither made returns nor paid dues; twenty-nine have done no work during the year; five omitted to place the seal upon their returns; three annual reports were

have paid no dues for more than three years and are sentenced to suspension. This showing indicates a clear case of overgrowth, and proves the wisdom of the Grand High Priest in refusing to grant further dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, when from investigation it is apparent that existing Chapters will be injured thereby. The statistics show the total membership to be 10,321.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred at the last Annual Convocation the proposition to make the possession of the Council degrees a prerequisite to membership in the Chapter, and upon which proposition we somewhat strongly animadverted in our last year's report, having taken a year to consider the matter, presented the following sensible report:—

“In regard to making the possession of the Council degrees a prerequisite to membership in the Chapter, which question was referred to your committee at the last Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, we respectfully report that your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Council degrees are not and should not be a necessary prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter.”

The following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the commissions of all representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Bodies expire with the date of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1883, and that thereafter all similar commissions shall expire with the date of the succeeding Triennial Convocations.”

An excellent idea in this, that it gives Grand Secretaries who have nothing else to do an opportunity for exercise in the preparation of some forty commissions triennially with the contingent correspondence. We have enough to do, and don't crave the job. Grand High Priests, however, must have something to talk about, and the representative question in all its phases forms an important factor in the annual addresses.

Comp. ROBERT L. MCKINLAY again presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, California for 1881 being of the number. He is very complimentary in his notice of California, quoting liberally and approvingly from the Address of Comp. TINNIN and from our report. He is even kind enough to say that he has met with no better report than ours in his review. We thank our companion, and bid him a kindly adieu, as we observe that Comp. GURNEY has been re-appointed Chairman of the Committee.

The M. E. JOHN P. NORVELL was elected Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana held its thirty-sixth Annual Conclave in the city of Indianapolis on the nineteenth day of October, 1881,—the M. E. EDWARD WALKER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN M. BRANWELL being Grand Secretary. A large representation from the subordinate Chapters were in attendance, and the Grand Officers were all present.

The Grand High Priest delivered a good Address, clearly reciting his official acts and giving good reasons for the “faith that was in him.” We heartily concur in the following decision and the reasons given therefor:—

“The companions of Vernon Chapter, No. 63, desired to confer all the Chapter degrees on three brethren at one Convocation of the Chapter, and asked through their Secretary for a dispensation to do so—volunteering the opinion that it would be for the good of Masonry, and assigning as a reason that they were all traveling men and could not be there at the stated Convocations of the Chapter to take the degrees in regular order. I declined to issue the dispensation, assigning as reasons therefor the following: I did not believe I had the power to suspend the rules of a subordinate Chapter, and certainly there was no such power delegated to the Grand High Priest; and that however swift in the work no corps of workers could confer all the degrees as they should be conferred in a single evening, and if they could, it was not possible for the companions thus ‘rushed through’ to comprehend all they were there taught, even of the symbols, to say nothing of the ritual explanatory of them, and that Masons thus made were never anything but drones. Companions, is it not just possible that the Canitular degrees are used in many instances only as a stepping-stone to the Com-

The remaining portion of the address being confined to local affairs, we forbear to comment upon, although there is much in it that will stand the test of the Master Overseer's squäre.

It is customary in Indiana for the Grand High Priest to prepare the Report on Correspondence, a custom which we think might be better honored in the breach than in the observance. It is placing too much labor upon that officer, and, aside from that, it is far better to place this duty in the hands of a skilled correspondent, one who has won his experience by years of conflict with the sharpshooters of the guild, and who is accustomed to give and take on all mooted matters with pachydermatic indifference. On this subject the Grand High Priest says:—

"This is submitted, knowing that there are many defects. But, companions, ill health, first attempt at anything of the kind, together with other duties that were imperative, combine to plead for me a charitable consideration of this subject at your hands. No one could have worked harder to make it respectable—and have had very much good material to glean from—both in matter and style, and after writing some and laying them aside, weeks after, having reviewed them, then thrown them aside and re-wrote to suit changed circumstances, or, what was more aggravating, that which was first written did not seem to be such information as would be desired by you or those who might peruse it in other jurisdictions. But I have attempted to appease them by appeals to their Masonic forbearance, as I reviewed each separately. Writers of these reports in other jurisdictions are, as a rule, retained in this field of labor from year to year, because of their known ability, and I have egotism enough about me to believe that a second attempt would enable me to correct or improve upon this, but I have promised (to gain the indulgence of those who criticise) that this shall be the last."

We regret that it is the last for the report is really an excellent one, covering one hundred and forty-seven pages and printed in a pamphlet separate from the proceedings. If we thought that, while pleading for indulgence from the old stagers on the ground that he "wouldn't do so again," a little timely abuse would bring him back into the ranks of the quill-drivers, we would gladly bestow it, but we fear it would be ineffectual. We don't know how many Grand Chapters have received the benefit of his criticism, for he gives us no list and we cannot stop to reckon them up, but we know that California is among them and that is the main point with us. He gives us a first rate notice, and as he appears to coincide with us in all the important matters discussed in our report, we are all the more inclined to believe that as a reporter he is a success and should have remained in that position.

In one point he is evidently in accord with us although his Grand Chapter is against him. He says:—

"Under the head of Iowa, the correspondent quotes a number of decisions, the first of which is in relation to the right of a companion to stop a brother who has taken a part of the Chapter degrees, by lodging an objection with the High Priest, which coincides with the law in Indiana, but which, in the opinion of the writer, is wrong, or rather has two sides. But the correspondent of California argues the case so plainly and fairly that his language will be transcribed, although his opinion, as also as that of the writer, is not to be considered as binding."

Again he says:—

"Upon the question of Lodge action affecting a Chapter member's standing in the Chapter, our California correspondent gives forth no uncertain sound, but goes right to the root and strikes an effective blow at the heresy—or if that seems too harsh a term—at the seeming inconsistency, and quotes from our Canadian companion's comments, as also from Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, as doctrine which is upheld by a large majority of Masons throughout the world of Capitular Masonry: at least it is here transcribed. It will be observed, too, that the reason given by Comp. ROBERTSON is the most cogent that has been assigned by any one, and without which there would be very little for any one entertaining his views to build his structure of defense upon."

We would gladly follow him through his voluminous and interesting report, but forbear, for there is so much that is good from which to select that we cannot choose that which is best suited to our brief time and limited space.

The M. E. CHARLES H. BUTTERFIELD was elected Grand High Priest, and the

IOWA.

The twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Des Moines on the twenty-fifth day of October, 1881,—the *M. E.* ALMON R. DEWEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE being Grand Secretary. Sixty-five chartered Chapters were represented, and delegates from five Chapters under dispensation were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest exhibits unmistakable evidences of zeal and fidelity in the discharge of his duties and an earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Order. Having learned that the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and their Grand Encampment also would convene in Des Moines on the day fixed for the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, he wisely concluded that the citizens of that thriving village were entitled to some commiseration in their affliction, and therefore postponed the Convocation of the Grand Chapter for one week; which action was approved.

He feelingly alludes to the assassination of President GARFIELD, and a special committee was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial in honor of the illustrious companion.

He reports that the progress of the Order during the past year has been encouraging, and, as an evidence of the fact, announces the issue of four dispensations to form new Chapters, from each of which he had received encouraging advices and believed they would make a good showing at this Convocation; in which prediction he was not disappointed. One Chapter died of inanition during the year, which melancholy event leaves two vacant numbers upon the registry.

The Grand High Priest visited a large number of the subordinate Chapters during the year, and from these visits he believes much good resulted, of which we have no doubt. Such visits encourage the weak Chapters and gratify the strong; they show that the head of the Order is not a mere *figure-head* to be looked upon and admired, but that he is a living, moving influence, having a personal interest in, and a paternal care for the bodies which acknowledge him as their chief, and to whom they look for instruction, advice, and encouragement.

He speaks of the organization of the General Grand Council, and, after quoting Sections nine and ten of its Constitution, says:—

"It is not clear to my mind what is fully intended by these provisions. If a menace to our jurisdiction and others of kindred belief, I would recommend that we express ourselves in terms not to be misunderstood, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

"*Whereas*, No Grand Council exists in Iowa, and it is desirable to prevent misunderstanding and preserve peace and harmony, therefore be it

"*Resolved*, as a general regulation, That it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, and he is hereby requested to declare expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, as contumacious, any companion under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter who may become a member of any Grand or subordinate Council which may be organized within the State of Iowa by or under said Grand Council, or by or under any other authority except that of this Grand Chapter, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary and he is hereby ordered forthwith to notify all Chapters under this Grand Chapter thereof."

"The adoption of the foregoing or a like resolution I believe to be expedient."

The above is the only blot upon the fair surface of an admirable address. We regret that the *M. E.* companion should thus have allowed the warmth of his zeal to blind his judgment. His preamble sets forth that, "*Whereas*, no Grand Council exists in Iowa, and it is desirable to *prevent misunderstanding and preserve peace and harmony*," etc.; and yet his resolution is eminently calculated to create misunderstanding and to *destroy* peace and harmony. The General Grand Council have made no demonstration calling for any such action as that proposed by *M. E.* Companion DEWEY. It would engender a spirit of discord and antagonism wholly foreign to the precepts and teachings of our Order, and effectually destroy that peace and harmony which should everywhere prevail. Fortunately, cooler heads

referred reported against the resolution, and their report was adopted. We trust our companions of Iowa will calmly and dispassionately consider this matter; and now that so large a majority of the Grand Jurisdictions have agreed to the organization and government of the General Grand Council, they will yield the point, and also become one of its willing constituents.

The Grand High Priest decided that a brother who was a member of a Lodge in Kansas, but who now resided in Iowa, could apply for the Chapter degrees to the Chapter nearest his place of residence. We are surprised that there should have arisen a necessity for the decision.

He also decided that a brother having been elected to receive the Chapter degrees, and having received the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and then dimits from the Blue Lodge, cannot be exalted; that, to obtain the dignity of a Royal Arch Mason, his membership in the Blue Lodge must be continuous. Under the laws of Iowa, the decision is doubtless correct; but in California we only require that the applicant for the Chapter degrees shall be a Master Mason in good standing, and this he may be although unaffiliated.

The following decision is so completely in accord with our own views that we copy it entire :—

"Can a Master Mason who has lost one arm receive the Chapter degrees?

"This question having been commented upon somewhat throughout this jurisdiction, I give my conclusion and reasons therefore in full. Universally, our law requires that timber for the temple must be perfect—'sound in limb and true in heart.' 'It (the law) contemplates bringing all men up on a level at the shrine of Masonry. It contemplates the equal right of all to advancement, according to merit. It guards against the heart-burnings which might result from the physical inability of some to become teachers and masters of the Craft. The law requires that the member shall be sufficiently perfect in body to practice and *teach* the rituals of Masonry. Again, how could a Mason *teach* the ritual who has but one foot? How could a blind or deaf man give instructions in Masonry? * * * They cannot practice our ritual, and, therefore, cannot properly be admitted.' Our ancient brethren were taught to practice the rite (operative) of Masonry. We are taught to practice and teach speculative Masonry—to *practice and teach the art*—and no companion needs to be told what is meant by the 'art of Masonry.' I conclude, therefore, that such a defect would render the applicant ineligible. In coming to this conclusion I am not forgetful that many a worthy brother, being so unfortunate, would be barred the privilege of this branch of our Order, but the rule is too imperative to be disregarded."

Again, with reference to the Council degrees, he says :—

"In November last I received a communication from Companion GIL. W. BARNARD, of Chicago, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in which he says: 'The question arose in our Grand Chapter, at the last Convocation: "Shall the Council degrees be a prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter?" i. e., shall the Chapter confer the Royal and Select Master degrees before the companion shall be entitled to sign the By-Laws?' That the subject had been referred to their Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at their next Convocation, and asking for a construction of the law in this State.

"I replied substantially as follows: 'The subject has never received any direct action by our Grand Chapter, but to me is susceptible of but one construction. The first article of our plan of consolidation, adopted in October, 1878, provides: "Each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction shall open a Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master subsequent to the degrees of Royal Arch Master."'

"It is evident to my mind that it was never intended by this to make the Council degrees prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter. The Royal and Select Master degrees are entirely at the option of the companion. If he fails to receive them, he is only deprived of the knowledge they contain and a right to sit therein. No business can be done in these degrees; no election of the applicant had—his good standing as a Royal Arch Mason being a sufficient passport. In other words, the Royal and Select Master degrees are but side degrees to the Chapter. They stand entirely aloof from the Chapter degrees, and no more demand could be made from the companion for neglecting to receive them, to claim *all* rights the Chapter could confer, than could for failing to receive the Templar orders. The companion could not be relieved from signing the By-Laws after receiving the Royal Arch degree, any more than he could have been had the Royal and Select Master degrees never

"I have reported this subject fully, that this Grand Body may express themselves thereon, and submit it for your consideration."

One of the strongest arguments to be used in favor of a General Grand Council, as the governing head of Cryptic Masonry, is that these beautiful degrees may be rescued from the degradation to which the action of the Chapters which have assumed control over them have consigned them, viz.: that of being merely "*side degrees to the Chapter*," to be taken or let alone, as the candidate for Chapter honors may elect.

Comp. LANGRIDGE, the veteran Grand Secretary who, for a quarter of a century has so ably filled that position, and contributed so much to the prosperity and high standing of his Grand Chapter at home and abroad, presented an interesting and valuable report, in which is condensed all the really valuable information of interest to the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction. Long may he be spared to wield the pen for Iowa.

The Grand Chapter took a decided stand against the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch degree. We see no objection to the practice when judiciously restricted.

The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated for the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan fire.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance cash on hand of \$1,979.26, and from the report of the Committee on Finance we learn that the total assets of the Grand Chapter are \$5,983.26.

Comp. T. R. ERCANBRACK again presents one of his good, old-fashioned Reports on Correspondence; no stunted, dwarfed, contracted, "cribbed, cabined, and confined" production like that of last year, but a good, honest, generous, and courteous review of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, among which California for 1881 receives honorable mention. He says: "It is with unalloyed pleasure that we again unfold this missive from California." We are glad that any missive from us should have had so happy an effect, and hope the present one will be equally successful.

Again, he says:—

"And now comes Companion CASWELL with one of his exhaustless reports. He expresses the hope that our life will be spared long enough to read this report *all through*, and that senility will not overtake us before we have completed the task. Well, we have read all he says of Iowa, and that took a good while, but pleased us very much. But how Companion CASWELL located our next Annual Convocation at Davenport, June 7th, 1881, is more than we can guess. Perhaps he reads the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter simultaneously; he seems to mix them."

We believe he will have but little trouble in exhausting this one; but how we made the mistake in locating their Annual Convocation "is past finding out."

Comp. ERCANBRACK shows no mercy in his satirical criticisms on the proceedings of small jurisdictions. Last year the District of Columbia and Delaware were made the targets for his wit; this year poor little Florida comes in for her share. Following is his full report on that Grand Chapter:—

"Slowly and sadly Royal Arch Masonry is going to rest. There were ten Chapters last year; now there are seven. There were 237 members last year; now there are 205. The receipts last year were \$241; this year, \$222. But, thanks be to a kind Providence, there are still \$194.40 in the treasury, and Companion DAWKINS is in the Secretary's office.

"In this Grand Jurisdiction, during a twelvemonth, nine Most Excellent Masters made the river route; one companion 'moved in,' two suspended ones paid up; four departed this life; six were suspended for being naughty, and six were expelled for being still naughtier. But we are truly gratified to know that there are two ministers on the exempt list.

"Grand High Priest ROBERT J. PERRY arose before eleven delegates, and pronounced some good sentiments. Indeed, the moral precepts contained in the address were worthy of being heard by thousands.

"Our little band of Florida companions brooded for three long days over their business, and we have looked long and well over these eleven pages to find the business done; but it is so trifling in quantity, that we hope that our companions

Comp. ERIC ARBACK, do you *expec-to-rale* as a friend of Florida after such comments? We would gladly quote further from this genial writer, but Iowa has already occupied more than her share of our space, and we must on to the next.

This jurisdiction has ninety-four subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 4796, being an increase of 334 during the year.

The M. E. AUGUSTUS C. SHERWOOD was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Topeka on the fifteenth day of February, 1881, the M. E. ERASMUS J. CARR, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters only were represented, out of forty-seven upon the roll.

The Grand High Priest commences his Address by propounding a series of conundrums, to which he knew very well he would obtain no answer. Everybody "gave it up," of course, and he then proceeded to business. That the Royal Craft is not idle in Kansas is evidenced by the fact that eight dispensations were granted for the foundation of new Chapters. Let us hope this rapid growth may not be of the mushroom order; yet when nearly one-half the Chapters in the jurisdiction are unrepresented in the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, it would appear to be time to "put on the brakes."

The Grand Chapter is financially sound, having in its treasury a balance of \$1,226.17.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, gives some excellent advice which Grand High Priests will do well to heed. In reporting two delinquent Chapters, he says:—

"These two Chapters seem to have been organized and set to work under very unfavorable circumstances; neither has proved a success. It looks very much like a case of too much Chapter, and it might be well for our Grand High Priests to make a note of these failures, and in coming years examine the claims of the petitioners for new Chapters a little closer, and see to it that we do not plant any more Chapters in barren and unfruitful soil."

This advice of the Grand Secretary appears to be particularly well timed, judging from the report of the Committee on "Chapters under dispensation." After calling attention to numerous errors and irregularities, the committee say:—

"In concluding this report your committee desire to say that the records of only two Chapters—*Kilwinning* and *Osage*—show that the proficiency of candidates in the degree taken was satisfactory, or that the candidates were examined in open Chapter or vouched for by one of the Grand Council, as required by the standing regulation adopted in 1874. Chapters should be specially enjoined to observe this most wholesome regulation so often disregarded by Chapters.

"We also find that our Special Deputies go a little further than they are required to do. We find that at the organization of all but one Chapter—*Osage*—the officers were installed by the officer who instituted the new Chapter. The officers of the new Chapters should not be installed until they have organized under a charter. Such irregularities would not occur if these instituting officers would only examine our law carefully.

"We find in several of the Chapters that the order in which the names of the officers appear on the records is incorrect. In this the Treasurer and Secretary should precede the Captain of the Host; also, that the Guard is designated as Tyler in several instances. In many cases we find that both High Priest and Secretary have failed to sign the minutes.

"In the examination of the records of these new aspirants for further Masonic honors, your committee have found much to commend, and at the same time have discovered many errors, some of which we have endeavored to point out, not in a spirit of fault-finding or censure, but with a sincere desire to show the necessity of greater care on the part of those who have the sacred trust in their charge of managing our Chapters, and to guard them against a repetition of these errors and others that may follow them in after years."

The committee appears to have been an exceedingly good-natured and accommodating one, for notwithstanding all the irregularities discovered by them, charters

The Special Committee on revision of Standing Regulations presented a report, submitting the following resolutions; but whether they were adopted or rejected, we are unable to learn from the record:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter fraternally recommend that hereafter full classes of actual candidates be used, except in cases of emergency; then, in that case, one substitute candidate may be used.

"Resolved, that a petition for the Capitalar degrees or for membership must be presented at a regular Convocation, and must not be balloted for at the same Convocation at which it was received, and no candidate shall be advanced until his proficiency in the preceding degree has been established by an examination in open Chapter."

The Committee on Chartered Chapters recommended the revocation of the charters of two delinquent Chapters, but no action appears to have been taken upon their report.

Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary, presents the Report on Correspondence, a paper characterized by his usual good sense and sound judgment. His criticisms are just, and his arguments clear, concise, and convincing. In his notice of California he quotes Comp. SRAULDING's decision relative to the effect of an apology for an offense committed in open Chapter, upon which he makes the following sensible comments:—

"It is quite common with some men to get terribly wroth, and while in that condition take occasion to abuse some most valuable friend, and afterward, when reminded of the injury done and fearful of its bad effects, they hasten to apologize and ask forgiveness. This may be done, but it does not, in our view of the case, atone for the injury, nor does it vindicate the broken law. It is a stubborn fact that every wrong done by one man or any body of men to another, whether it affects his person, property, happiness, or reputation, is no more nor less than an offense against the law of justice. It is done, it goes into the eternal past, and a simple apology does not satisfy the law, either in letter or in spirit."

He quotes liberally from our report, concurs in our views, and pays us a compliment which modesty forbids us to reproduce; all which is highly appreciated by the undersigned.

Under the head of Connecticut we find the following relative to the Cryptic degrees, in which we fully concur:—

"To break up this system, established for more than half a century, and to turn over its degrees to another body already possessing degrees amply sufficient to render the learning of their ritual a burden, seems a measure of doubtful expediency, if not the violation of a Landmark. In addition to this, if this plan can be carried to a general consummation—if this precedent can become established—why may not our Grand Chapters, at any time in the future, using this same plea of economy, abdicate their powers and turn over to the Grand Lodges not only the degrees legitimately their own, but those acquired by this extraordinary bargain, and thus, to the confusion already existing, be added fresh elements, and the noble superstructure on which our fathers so long labored and builded, by the hands of their recreant posterity be razed to the ground."

Many more good things we find in this report which we would gladly extract, but have neither time nor space.

There are forty-seven chartered Chapters upon the registry, with a total membership of 1,582.

The M. E. SILAS E. SHERLDON was elected Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

Upon calling the roll of our annual visitors last year, Kentucky, very much to our chagrin, "turned up missing," thereby giving us a double dose at this sitting.

The sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Louisville on the eighteenth day of October, 1880,—the M. E. JOHN H. LEATHERS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM being Grand Secretary. All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, were present, and a large number of subordinate Chapters were represented.

"As the minimum of government betokens the maximum of prosperity, I am glad to say that my official labors have not been onerous or extended. The state of the royal Craft in our own jurisdiction has been peaceful and harmonious, and our relations with sister Grand Chapters of the most friendly character.

"No questions of special importance have been presented to me for decision; in fact, none that might not have been easily settled by a simple reference to the Grand Constitution. No applications for dispensations for new Chapters have been made. I have granted four dispensations for holding elections of officers, where, for sufficient cause, said elections did not occur at the stated time, and have also granted a number of dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, in order to accommodate some of the brethren who desired to participate in the festivities at Chicago as Knights Templars, and being strongly urged by some of the officers of the Chapters applying, I used liberally the prerogative of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time; and while I did so I feel constrained to condemn the practice, and I believe it would be well to take this power away from Grand High Priests. There is a growing tendency to ask for the setting aside of the ancient usages in this respect. It would be better for every Grand High Priest to resist this growing evil, and to exercise the prerogative only in cases of real emergency, if at all."

He strongly urges retrenchment in the expenditures of the Grand Chapter, and recommends that the mileage and *per diem* of members be reduced, as the expenses each year exceed the income and threaten to wreck the finances. He gives a very cheering report of the condition of that noble charity, the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and says: "It is not only a success, but it is the embodiment of the highest type of charity, and it stands there to-day an imperishable monument of Masonic benevolence."

The business transacted was entirely local and calls for no comment.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. MIRAM BASSETT, is a good one, and California is handsomely treated.

The M. E. W. LARUE THOMAS was elected Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

The sixty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Louisville on the eighteenth day of October, 1881,—the Grand High Priest presiding, with a full corps of Grand Officers and representatives.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief and contains nothing of general interest.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$37 50 and invested funds amounting to \$3,300, making the total assets \$3,337 50.

In the matter of Capitular and Cryptic (con) fusion, two lengthy, learned, interesting, and elaborate reports were presented; the majority report recommending the surrender of all jurisdiction over the Council degrees into the hands of the officers and members composing the last Grand Council of such, and the minority report recommending that no action be taken in the premises. The question elicited a learned and protracted debate, and, in order to get rid of the elephant, they chained the animal up until the next Annual Convocation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no matter had been presented for their consideration, and congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the general harmony and prosperity prevailing among the subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to the Masonic Temple Company for gas during the Convocation. Judging from the length of the debate upon the disposition of the Council degrees, we think this was a useless expenditure. Home manufactures should have had the preference.

The prominent feature of this annual is the Report on Correspondence, by Comp. MIRAM BASSETT. The proceedings of every Grand Chapter upon the continent are reviewed in a spirit of fairness, impartiality, and courtesy deserving all praise. We do not say this in the conventional terms of general laudation, or because he has seen fit to speak of us in language complimentary, but for the reason that it is really one of the most thorough, complete, and painstaking reviews of the doings of Con-

companion upon his eminent success in this field of literature. In his review of California for 1891 he quotes liberally and approvingly from the Address of Comp. TINNIN and most copiously from our report of that year. Referring to our argument upon the question of non-payment of dues, he says:—

"We rather favor the California practice in such cases. There is no use to delay justice by the cumbersome and complex machinery of a trial upon charges and specifications to prove a patent or admitted fact. Notification of delinquency and citation to appear at a given stated meeting should be deemed sufficient to justify action.

"We are also in full accord with Comp. CASWELL in his views expressed under the head 'District of Columbia' upon the following subjects, to wit: The proper time to object to the reception of a petition is when it is announced, not after it is read. The only proper time to move the reconsideration of a subject is at the same meeting action was had upon it; that it is not necessary to open on the Master's degree before opening a Lodge of Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, or to open a Chapter before opening any Lodge appurtenant thereto. In our report last year we had something upon this subject under the head of Maryland."

After other liberal extracts, he thus takes his leave of us:—

"But we must not consume our entire space with California, if we did strike 'pay dirt.' Were we to copy all the sound views, just sentiments, and handsome sayings in this admirable report, we should have room for none of the goodies from other jurisdictions—not even the oysters, fish, strawberries, homes, expectations of Delaware. So, we bid Comp. CASWELL, and the rich mines of California, a reluctant farewell."

If Comp. BASSETT will pay us a visit with the Kentucky delegation in '83, we will show him some "pay dirt" that will "pan out" rich.

Under the head of Canada, in answer to the remarks of Comp. ROBERTSON, upon the subject of non-payment of dues, he says:—

"We must differ with Comp. R. in regard to the quality of the offense. We are of opinion that he who persistently violates an obligation he is able to meet—whether it be the payment of dues, or any other duty—is guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and deserves more severe discipline than a mere dropping from the roll inflicts, according to the ruling in Canada and three or four other jurisdictions. That, indeed, seems to be a favor, and, to judge from their conduct, the very one delinquents would ask."

And again, in answer to M. E. Comp. WOODRUFF, Grand High Priest of New York, he says:—

"The trouble with us is to see how it is 'that the standing of a companion in his Chapter is not impaired by reason of his having been stricken from the roll of, or having been unaffiliated by his Lodge for non-payment of dues,' when 'an unaffiliated Master Mason is not a Master Mason in good standing, and is consequently not eligible to the Chapter degrees.' Both decisions were sustained by the Grand Chapter, and it may be the regulations are such that what operates as a bar to entrance is not considered cause sufficient for ejection."

Illinois claims that the action of the General Grand Chapter leaves the Grand Chapters free to take such action as they please regarding the Council degrees, to which Comp. DANA, of Vermont, replies:—

"We don't know why they are not, under the same rule, 'free to take such steps' as they choose, to confer the Commandery degrees, the Knights of Constantine, or any other degrees deemed 'expedient.' If not, why not?"

And Comp. BASSETT responds:—

"With diffidence we suggest that this might not be an inappropriate answer to his query. 'Because the orders, etc., mentioned are not, like the Council degrees, essential to a full and perfect understanding of the system of Ancient Masonry, especially the Royal Arch degree.' We have found it impossible to impart a proper knowledge of the Royal Arch, and the true method of working it in several particulars, except to a Select Master, and have regretted that all Royal Arch Masons cannot upon their exaltation be at once promoted and selected, so to speak. We wish it understood that we would be among the last to give up the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Cryptic degrees, and simply communicate the instruction they impart. To disseminate them more widely was our chief purpose in favoring their appendage to the Chapter. We are not prepared to say that our object has

been accomplished to the extent desired by the arrangement, and as a very considerable preponderance of our Cryptic companions seem averse to the plan, we do not propose to get stiff-necked about it, and oppose the re-establishment of our Grand Council. We are not 'joined to our idols,' and neither want to be let alone or left out in the cold."

This shows a proper Masonic spirit, and where this spirit exists there will be little difficulty in harmonizing all present complications; and with judicious forbearance and conciliatory action on the part of the General Grand Council, we confidently hope soon to see the whole Cryptic Craft united under one general head.

The returns from one hundred and eight Chapters show a total membership of 2769; the revenue from which, during the past year, amounted to \$2,661.00.

The M. E. R. J. LAUGHLIN was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans on the fifteenth day of February, 1881,—the M. E. EDWIN H. FAY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., being Grand Secretary. Fourteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest gives anything but a cheering account of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction. He says:—

"While I welcome you here to-day to this our thirty-fourth Annual Grand Convocation, and rejoice to behold such a number assembled, still I would be recreant to the high trust your partiality has imposed upon me, did I not inform you that although peace abounds within our walls, and harmony in our temples, yet it is the peace of inaction, and the harmony of inanition. Yes, companions, disguise it as we may, Capitular Masonry, unless something is done to arrest it—and that something speedily—is going into a lethargic decline, if not into actual decrease. The fact stares us in the face, and if we are wise we will look carefully for the causes, to see if they can be remedied, and the result be prevented.

The reasons assigned for this decadence ought to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every true member of the Order in that section. The Grand High Priest does not mince matters, but gives in plain and unmistakable terms his views of the situation, as follows:—

"There are, in my opinion, several reasons for this state of affairs, and the first, if not most potent of all, is want of discipline in our subordinate Chapters, as well as in the Grand Chapter itself. In the subordinate Chapters companions are frequently guilty of conduct grossly un-Masonic, and go on for years, not called to an account for the same, because, like the accusers of the sinning woman of Scripture, none can cast the first stone.

"By this laxity Masonry is brought into disrepute, and reflecting, sensible men raise the question whether they desire the intimate social relationship with others who are so unmindful of their Masonic obligations. Our own dearly cherished sanctuaries have not escaped the demoralizing effects of fratricidal war. Our obligations to Deity and to our fellow-men are too frequently ignored, and I blush to assert that one of the most profane men I ever knew was a R. A. Mason in good standing. This must all be changed, and we must return to first principles and the instructive moral teachings of our Order before we can hope to see our Chapters flourish. Discipline, too, must be exercised by the Grand Chapter, and from those Chapters who habitually neglect to make their returns and pay their dues, kindly, but inexorably, should their charters be taken away. The first step towards the death of a Chapter is a failure to meet regularly, which, sooner or later, induces that carelessness and neglect which should cause a prompt arrest of their charter.

With reference to mileage and *per diem* he says:—

"In regard to the pay of mileage and *per diem* of delegates, I think that this more properly is the duty of each individual Chapter, but as it was originally adopted as a compromise, on condition that the Grand Annual Convocations should be permanently holden in New Orleans, I seriously question the policy of disturbing, in this case, a '*res adjudicata*.'"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$463 65.

Mourning pages are inscribed to the memory of Past Deputy Grand High Priest

tive of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana near the Grand Chapter of Illinois. The Committee on Obituaries, in their report, present the following beautiful sentiment :—

"The wise Master Builder has found in our quarries but a single stone meet to be placed in the walls of the eternal mansions. While we, therefore, render him our unfeigned thanks for the prolongation of our lives, that further opportunities may be given us to perfect them and to adorn them the more with the beauties of purity and holiness; yet we must lament our present imperfections that have hindered us from passing the inspection of His most just and perfect square."

Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNER, from the Committee on Correspondence, gave the following reason for the absence of a report :—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the same reasons which have actuated it for the past three years, have not prepared a review of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, all of which have been duly received, and are hereby fraternally acknowledged; and until the state of our finances shall materially improve, this must be our report for the future, and we should advocate the abolition of the committee, but for the hope that the fortunes of the Grand Chapter may change, and allow it once more to indulge in the luxury of paying a heavy printing bill."

The M. E. ANDREW HERO, Jr., was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held in the city of Portland on the third day of May, 1881,—the M. E. JOSEPH M. HAYES, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. IRA BERRY being Grand Secretary. Forty-one subordinate Chapters out of forty-three were represented—an excellent showing.

The Grand High Priest in his Address says :—

"Taking the past year as a whole, we have cause for thankfulness. There has been nothing of serious detriment to the Craft that has come to my knowledge; harmony and peace have generally prevailed. We recognize the fact that the strength of our institution is not in its numbers, but in the moral worth and zeal of its members. Let us then, companions, daily renew our covenants; let us pledge ourselves that by no act of ours shall the fair proportions of our Temple be defaced; that no column, chapter, or stone of that great moral edifice be obliterated; but, living in the full discharge of all our duties, having consciences void of offense, we all may hopefully await the final summons."

He announces the death of Past Grand Kings R. E. Comps. PELEG SPRAGUE and F. LORING TALBOT. The former had reached the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, and had for many years been a resident of Boston, Mass. Appropriate tributes are paid to the memory of these distinguished companions. One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$352.84.

The proceedings were strictly local, and present no features of general interest.

The firm of DRUMMOND and DERBY still do business at the old stand, and furnish Reports on Correspondence to order. The reputation of the goods supplied by this firm is too well established to be affected by any praise or censure that we might utter. The specimen before us is exceptionally good, and the material of which it is composed is derived from every American Grand Chapter and a portion of it from England and Ireland. In fact, it is a complete report in all its details, a credit to its authors, and a valuable addition to the Masonic literature of the day. Comp. DRUMMOND appears to have had the lion's share of the labor, for out of forty-eight reviews presented thirty-five are laid to his charge, while Comp. DERBY is responsible for only thirteen. California fell to Comp. DRUMMOND's share, and, of course, is handsomely noticed.

In commenting upon the Address of Comp. TINNIN, he says :—

"He reported that one Chapter, chartered in 1880, but which had been over two years under dispensation, had, in fitting up in an extravagant style, contracted a

munications addressed to it; whereupon the charter was revoked, and it was ordered that its members who had been exalted, or had affiliated subsequently to the contraction of the debt, should, upon the payment of all dues, receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate enabling them to affiliate elsewhere. But this privilege was not extended to those who were members when the debt was contracted. They were neither suspended nor expelled, and yet they are unaffiliated without the power of joining a Chapter. What is their *status*? Do they come under the famous sixteenth Regulation of their Grand Chapter? They certainly do not come within its terms. Will our California companions please explain? We are the more curious because their situation is somewhat like a Maine member deprived of membership for non-payment of dues."

For the information of Comp. DRUMMOND, we would state that, where no provision of the Constitution of our Grand Chapter is found to apply to any particular case, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge becomes the law; and by the provisions of that instrument, (Part VII., Article II.) the arrest of the charter of a Lodge suspends all its members except those especially exempted from the ban; thus the *status* of those members not especially exempted by the Grand Chapter is simply that of suspended Royal Arch Masons.

In the following he cries "poor pussy" and "s'cat, you jade," in the same breath:—

"The Report on Correspondence (124 pp.) was presented by Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL. It is a long report, but its quality is in proportion to its length.

"Of course it is impossible to refer to all the matters of interest in so voluminous and able a report: his views are generally broad and sound; in a few cases they have been so affected by the law and practice in his own jurisdiction that they will not be endorsed in other jurisdictions where different law and practice prevail. For instance, he is terribly horrified at a provision adopted by the Grand Chapter of Oregon, that the Grand High Priest may suspend a Mason from all his Masonic rights until the next Annual Convocation; whereat Masons of Maine and Massachusetts, where the Grand Master has been invested with that power from time immemorial, cannot repress a smile. And yet our companion quotes quite complacently a provision of law in Ohio, authorizing the High Priest of a Chapter to suspend a member without trial or notice! He calls it 'unprecedented and high-handed' to vest the power in the Grand High Priest, but has no condemnation for the law which vests it in the High Priest, because, forsooth, in the latter case the power is given to punish the heinous offense of non-payment of dues! In this connection, we entirely concur in a remark of his in another part of his report, viz.: 'Consistency, thou art a jewel!'"

He says our "broad and sound" views have, in a few cases, become affected with the "law and practice in our own jurisdiction."—"Physician, heal thyself;" "pluck the beam from thine own eye" before you go for our little California mote. With reference to the action of Oregon, in giving the Grand High Priest power to suspend any companion at will, without notice, charges, or trial, Comp. DRUMMOND says that Masons of Maine and Massachusetts cannot repress a smile at our strictures, because the Grand Masters of these jurisdictions have been invested with that power from time immemorial. This being true, what becomes of the doctrine so strenuously advocated by Companion DRUMMOND and others when opposing our law of suspension for non-payment of dues, viz., that "no Mason can be deprived of his rights without due trial?" Between the summary suspension by a Grand Master and a case of suspension for non-payment of dues under our law, there is no parallel. In the first instance the brother is deprived of all his Masonic rights without notice, trial, or opportunity to defend himself; in the second, the law requires the Secretary to notify the brother of his delinquency. This notification *charges* him with the *offense* of non-payment of dues. Here is a specific charge. In the same notification he is told that unless he appears or answers at the next stated meeting he will be suspended. If, after this notice, he neglects or refuses to appear or answer, he adds contempt to the original offense, allows his case to go by default, and very properly suffers the penalty. The law of Maine allows a brother to be suspended without benefit of clergy—the law of California gives him due notice and an opportunity to defend himself.

Comp. DRUMMOND declares that no Mason can be deprived of his rights without due trial; yet the law of his own Grand Lodge repudiates that doctrine. He says: "We have a *system of our own* in Maine and in Massachusetts;" and he is wedded to that system; yet he accuses us of being "affected with the law and practice in our own jurisdiction." Again we call upon old "consistency," which, as a jewel, shines brighter than ever.

With reference to the doctrine so strongly advocated by our learned companion and those who agree with him, that "no Mason can be deprived of his rights without trial," we would ask, is not the "*suspension from membership*"—which Comp. DRUMMOND declares to be the only penalty in Maine and Massachusetts for the non-payment of dues—a deprivation of Masonic rights? and are those who are thus "suspended from membership" subjected to trial and conviction? We think not; and we assert that, if there is power to deprive a Mason of one right or privilege without trial, there is power to deprive him of *all*. Again we call to our aid the jewel "consistency," with refulgence undimmed.

Comp. DRUMMOND says we quote with complacency a case from Ohio, where the law authorized the High Priest to suspend a member for non-payment of dues. We quoted the case from Ohio, where a member may be *expelled* for the non-payment of dues, simply to place in contrast the more beneficent law of California, which forbids its subordinates to expel any member for the non-payment of his dues, but gives every one an opportunity, when suspended from that cause, to restore himself by simply complying with its provisions.

Comp. DRUMMOND again says:—

"Pennsylvania and California also have systems of their own, but they seem to want to compel all other Grand Chapters to adopt theirs. To this, we in Maine say, we object to being *driven* to abandon a system which experience shows is a better one than the one we are required to adopt. Comp. CASWELL will probably be surprised to learn—

"1. That our per centage of non-affiliates is less than that of almost any other jurisdiction;

"2. That our per centage of delinquents in paying dues is also less than that in any other jurisdiction, so far as can be determined by the statistics.

"The fact is, that Masons are very human, and are much more likely to pay dues as a matter of duty and honor than they would be in consequence of any penalty which Comp. CASWELL and those with him who, in his own language, would 'force' members to do so, can denounce against them. At any rate, our experience in New England shows this. Suppose, Comp. C., you put that in your pipe and smoke it awhile."

We prefer good "Killiknick" in our pipe, and have no fancy for the unsavory odor of suspended Masons. It is true that Pennsylvania and California have systems of their own, and those systems have been endorsed by many other jurisdictions. At any rate, we do not propose to aid, foster, and encourage a horde of Masonic leeches, who, like the old lady's "steady" boarder, "never missed a meal or paid a cent."

Under the head of District of Columbia we find that Comp. DRUMMOND's views and our own are identical upon the question of opening the Chapter before any of the appendant Lodges can be opened. He says:—

"He still insists that a Lodge of Mark Masters, etc., cannot be opened without opening the Chapter. He says if our argument holds good in the Chapter it must in the Lodge. This we grant. He adds, 'and I am sure no one would think of calling a Lodge of Entered Apprentices to work the degree without first calling a Master Mason's Lodge.' But we not only *think* of so doing, but we actually *do* it, and have done it ever since Masonry was introduced into Maine by the formation of *Portland Lodge*, in 1769. The Lodge is called, and the Master opens it on whatever degree the business calls for, without opening it upon any other degree. We have examined, somewhat carefully, this matter of 'opening down,' as well as the 'opening up,' practiced in some jurisdictions, and our conclusion is that they are innovations, introduced within forty years. The records of the old Lodges are 'opened on the first step,' 'opened on the second step,' or 'opened on the third step.' So we hold that, both in Lodge and Chapter, the body may be opened at once on the degree the business calls for as both principle and long usage sustain it."

No one can read one of Comp. DRUMMOND's reports without being highly edified, interested, and instructed. They bear evidence of deep research, profound erudition, and earnest thought, and, although we may and do differ upon some minor points, there is no Masonic writer of the present day for whom we entertain a higher degree of respect. "Put that in *your* pipe and smoke it," Comp. D.

We append the usual table of statistics, which shows that during the year one hundred members were suspended (from membership) in Maine for non-payment of dues, while in California during the same period only sixty-nine were hung up for that offense. Fill your pipe again, Comp. D.

STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members....	Exaltations..	Admissions & Restorations.	Dismissals...	Expulsions...	Suspensions...	Sus. for Non- paym't dues.	Deaths.....
Alabama.....	821	63	33	26	0	0	21	20
Arkansas.....	1,292	93	25	57	0	0	31	32
California.....	2,932	148	80	69	3	1	69	34
Canada.....	3,455	173	61	99	0		*75	19
Colorado.....	462	57	14	6	0	1	20	6
Connecticut.....	4,112	130	14	26	0	0	10	55
Delaware.....	326	10	1	2	0		*1	1
District of Columbia.....	1,045	78	20	11	0	0	37	16
Florida.....	205	9	3	6	6		*6	4
Georgia.....	1,116	54	32	40	0		*37	30
Illinois.....	9,791	687	138	299	2		*264	94
Indiana.....	4,435	285	35	138	13	1	102	52
Iowa.....	4,533	384	81	169	1		*97	39
Kansas.....	1,582	204	80	93	1		*34	25
Kentucky.....	2,676	168	65	99	2		*125	29
Louisiana.....	931	32	32	14	0		*47	14
Maine.....	4,090	153	10	46	3	0	100	56
Maryland.....	1,176	70	8	33	0		*14	14
Massachusetts.....	9,027	370		205	0		*182	92
Michigan.....	7,315	318	88	134	3	4	155	74
Minnesota.....	1,744	150	24	20	0	0	10	15
Mississippi.....	1,540	110	56	39	2	4	29	32
Missouri.....	3,950	257	59	110	0	2	56	53
Nebraska.....	841	50	53	10	0		*15	5
Nevada.....	411	34	15	19	2	0	16	3
New Hampshire.....	2,209	90	99	13	0	0	40	31
New Jersey.....	2,597	89	12	52	1	25	101	26
New York.....	15,276	606	162	288	6	2	1,039	186
North Carolina.....	842	10	3	10	0	1	2	6
Nova Scotia.....	427	27	4	20	0	0	11	5
Ohio.....	8,746	635	251	231	17		*347	106
Oregon.....	520	45	7	12	0	3	4	3
Pennsylvania.....	9,957	325	49	136			*310	100
Quebec.....	395	50	4	74			*10	9
Rhode Island.....	1,634	26						12
South Carolina.....	577	21	3	17	13	0	19	12
Tennessee.....	2,975	101	39	112	3	17	53	41
Texas.....	3,176	187	93	182	4		*105	69
Vermont.....	1,934	75	13	20	1		*20	24
Virginia.....	1,503	47	83	40	1		*45	16
West Virginia.....	520	51	13	20	0	0	11	8
Wisconsin.....	3,290	202	40	62	0		*22	25
General Grand Chapter.....	679	49	18	20	1	1	0	3
Total.....	127,105	6,733	1,900	3,073	85	62	3,700	1,496

* Including all suspensions.

Maine has forty-three chartered Chapters, and one under dispensation, upon her registry, with a total membership of 4090.

The *M. E.* JOSEPH E. LOCKE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore on the eighth day of November, 1881,—the *M. E.* FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE L. MCCAHAN being Grand Secretary. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest gives evidence of a clear and well disciplined mind, and his exhortations to his companions are imbued with the moral and religious tone which well becomes a Grand High Priest when addressing his people. We extract the following as a specimen of the whole :—

“Capitular even more than symbolic Masonry is founded upon the sublime truths recorded in the sacred Scriptures, which, if we may believe its traditionary cabala, it has been the means of preserving from utter destruction.

“There is nothing in all history more astonishing than the fact that the institutions of a small nation, far back in the twilight of antiquity, should not only be continued, but that they should be essentially influencing the legislation and usages of the whole of Christendom.

“It can be accounted for only by another fact which we, as Masons, recognize and believe: that God was the primary author of those institutions, and has controlled all the changes of human history. Men have observed a remarkable wisdom in the institutions of the Hebrew people. Some of them were intended to be temporary and binding only upon the nation which first received them, but even from the most temporary enactments of that period we can derive principles which may instruct us in all time. There is not a system of jurisprudence of any eminence in the civilized world which has not been influenced by that of Moses. The profoundest lawyers and legislators the world has ever seen have acknowledged the excellence of that system.

“There is also nothing gloomy in their religion, for there was more heartfelt mirth in the Hebrew festivals than in all the riotous feasts and processions of Greece, and there is more sincere and joyous praise in the Hebrew Psalms than in all the literature of classic antiquity together.

“Our royal art informs us of the reverence and awe with which the name of God was invested among the children of Israel. Behold the leader of the emancipated hosts standing upon the rock in Horeb! A dense cloud descends and shrouds the mountain in its folds; the lightning gleams and mighty thunders utter their voices. With uplifted hands and earnest heart the prophet prays, ‘I beseech thee, show me thy glory.’ He longs for clearer conceptions of the unseen God. And the answer came. The Invisible ‘bowed the heavens and came down,’ and stood with him there and ‘proclaimed the name of the Lord.’ ‘The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, abundant in goodness and in truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; but by no means clearing the guilty.’ How sublime the Divine portraiture! Well might the awed seer ‘make haste and bow his head and worship.’ And when the voice ceased, well might he come down into the valley with his countenance all radiant with the light of the celestial vision.

“We, too, can urge the prayer of Moses. We, too, can catch so near a view of the Divine perfections that our hearts shall bound and our faces become luminous with the ravishing sight. More than this: we may place our souls, like the metal tablets of the artist, full in the rays of the Shekinah till we catch the image of the Great Jehovah, and are ourselves ‘changed into the same image from glory to glory.’”

He notices with appropriate comments the deaths of Comps. MACKET and GARFIELD, and mourning pages are inscribed to their memory.

With reference to the General Grand Council, he says:—

“The success attending the efforts to organize a General Grand Council has done much to quiet the discussion at one time so general concerning the removal of the Cryptic degrees from the control of Royal Arch Chapters. The position of the General Grand Chapter upon this subject is so clear and unmistakable that none need err concerning the relations existing between Capitular and Cryptic degrees.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$963 58.

The proceedings were entirely local in their nature, and we find no peg to hang upon until we reach the excellent Report on Correspondence by Gen.

EDWARD T. SCHULTZ. He was fortunate enough to receive the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters in correspondence, and each one is briefly but intelligently reviewed. California for 1881 receives a good share of his attention. He thinks the Grand High Priest has all the power in Capitular Masonry that the Grand Master has in Symbolic Masonry, and we agree with him; but we insist neither of them have any power not conferred upon them by the Constitution.

Comp. SCHULTZ is strong for the merging system, and does not agree with the Grand High Priest in his views as expressed in the above quotation.

The M. E. WILLIAM F. COCHREAN was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the Quarterly Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held on the ninth day of March, 1880, the Grand Secretary announced that on the twenty-eighth day of December his office was totally destroyed by fire, and the records of two Quarterly Convocations were burned; but fortunately, from minutes in his possession, he was able to present a complete record of these Convocations. At the usual Quarterly Convocations no business of general interest was transacted.

The eightieth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Boston on the seventh day of December, 1880,—the M. E. THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the E. ZEPH. H. THOMAS being Grand Secretary. Ten districts, numbering forty-four subordinate Chapters, were represented.

In his Address the Grand High Priest says:—

“The Masonic year just past has been comparatively uneventful, and I have therefore no startling news to bring before you; but this quiet is not the calm of stagnation or inaction. The organization of the Grand Chapter has been rendered so near perfection by the energetic efforts of some of my predecessors in office, the machinery revolves so smoothly on its bearings, that little remains for the presiding officer but the selection of efficient officers, and to maintain a general supervision, so that ‘glittering generalities’ must be the burden of this report.

“No new Chapters have been petitioned for, and although some futile attempts have been made in that direction, no encouragement has been given to warrant the successful formation of any accessions to our Capitular family. Better the steady, rhythmic march of a company of sixty-eight sound and healthy bodies than one hundred organizations composed partly of raw recruits, and decimated by chronic rheumatism, necrosis, and gangrene. No new Chapter should ever be constituted without at least two Lodges from which it may have the exclusive right to draw its nourishment in the way of candidates; nor then, unless the neighboring Chapters are not only willing, but anxious to witness the new birth.”

He reports the subordinate Chapters to be in good condition, and although the aggregate membership has somewhat decreased during the year, he does not regard that as an indication of decreasing zeal. In speaking of the last Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he says:—

“The influence of the age and Masonic services of Massachusetts was shown by the election of Past Grand High Priest CHAPMAN to the office of Deputy General Grand High Priest, by the appointment of your Grand High Priest as General Grand Master of the Third Veil, your Deputy Grand High Priest as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and your Grand Scribe as a member of the Committee on Place and Time of the next Triennial Convocation.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1,301.95, which, added to sundry investments, makes the total assets of the Grand Chapter \$7,789.27.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the genial pen of Comp. JOHN W. DADNUN, and forty-two Capitular Grand Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter, receive the benefit of his kindly criticisms. He commences his Report in language strongly suggestive of the race-course, but we never yet knew a good preacher who was not a lover of good horses. He says:—

“We are happy to report such a complete list of Grand Chapter Proceedings, and as we enter upon the work of review we feel a good deal like a team which has been in the harness daily for many years, and in starting off we must be warmed up in order to get into good working trim. Hence we may not start off so briskly and frisk-

The warming up process does not take long, for by the time he reaches California he is going at a 2:20 gait, well in hand, and trotting squarely without a break, and on the home stretch he distances the field, except that old stager non-affiliation, who brushes him close; but DADMUN makes a spurt and wins by a neck in 2:02, the best (aesthetic) time on record. He says:—

"The Address of M^r. E^r. NATHAN W. SPAULDING is brief but appropriate. Masonry there, as well as here, has felt the hard times; but a brighter day is dawning, while peace and harmony prevail."

He quotes approvingly Comp. SPAULDING's Address relative to the right of Chapters to return a portion of the initiation to ministers of the Gospel if they choose so to do, but thinks the decision that restoration in the Lodge works restoration in the Chapter is not in accordance with Masonic usage. We can only say that it is in accordance with Masonic usage in this jurisdiction. A brother is suspended for non-payment of dues in the Lodge; he has committed no offense that the Chapter can take cognizance of, yet the fact of his suspension in the Lodge *excludes* him from the Chapter. We can hold no Masonic intercourse with suspended Masons. He pays his dues in the Lodge, which act restores him to all his Masonic rights. No further reason for his exclusion from the Chapter exists, and he resumes his place in the Chapter as if no interruption of his membership had ever occurred, the receipt for his dues from the Secretary of his Lodge being all the evidence required of his good standing.

He says: "The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. T. H. CASWELL, an old veteran in the Masonic army, who has many times surveyed the field and knows where the vantage ground lies." He then quotes approvingly our answer to Comp. ROBERTSON, of Canada, and further says:—

"He thinks Comp. LARNER's idea, that 'the degrees of Mark, Past, or M^r. E^r. Master cannot be conferred without first opening the Chapter,' etc., 'smacks strongly of absurdity.' We concur in the above quotations, claiming Masonic usage on our side."

Here the old horse, non-affiliation, "tackles" him in the race, and he makes a lively brush for the lead, as follows:—

"California, with all her constitutional safeguards, finds that she must still grapple with the question of non-affiliation, and this is the way she whips the devil round the stump."

He then quotes our remarks in answer to Comp. DRUMMOND, showing that a Mason may be in good standing as such, and still remain unaffiliated; upon which he makes a "bad break" and "goes all to pieces," and only gets down to his work again under a "strong pull." Hear him:—

"Accordingly his Satanic Majesty—non-affiliation—may carry the day after all. Membership in a Lodge is not indispensable to membership in the Chapter; but this lasts only *six months* at a time, and then follow other conditions which amount to a scramble for position, the would-be non-affiliated Mason taking his turn in the 'whipping' business, by getting a member to blackball him every time he applies.

"Now, pray tell us what is the use of so much 'fuss and feathers' over non-affiliated Masons? It is with some Masons as with some church members, all the legislation in the world will not save them to the society. Does any one suppose that, if they have not sufficient interest to pay annual dues, they will be of any advantage to the institution, even if they could be *forced* into membership? You might as well force Lucifer into heaven: it would be to him the hottest place he ever saw. They are of no earthly use but to count. As JOSH BILLINGS would say, 'See those ragamuffins standing around saloons and at the corners of the streets. Some people think they are of no use; but let an epidemic come, and let them die off—*they will count*.' So it will be with those Masons, 'in name only'; if ever another anti-Masonic epidemic should come upon us, they will die off—then '*they will count*.'"

"It takes but very little legislative machinery in Massachusetts to govern that question, and we believe that we have as few non-affiliated Masons, according to our membership, as California."

Now, the case cited by us, which Comp. DADMUN calls "whipping the devil around the stump," was simply a hypothetical one, showing what a dishonorable Mason might do if he was so disposed, and evade his duty under the law. No such

case has ever occurred in California to our knowledge, and probably never will. Comp. DADMUN says it "takes very little legislative machinery in Massachusetts to govern the question," and we answer that it takes less with us; for, believing that every Mason should do his duty if able, if we find one who will not do it, we simply rule him out of the race—that is, suspend him until he will comply with the rules.

Under the head of Connecticut he quotes the following:—

"The question of discipline for non-payment of dues is a cause of considerable discussion in the several jurisdictions, and we think the penalty of suspension, rather than striking from the roll of members, as practiced in Connecticut, is gaining favor. It is claimed by many, and we think justly, that a brother who has the ability and will not contribute to support his Lodge, should not be allowed to retain his membership in the Chapter. We earnestly hope that at the approaching Convocation of the General Grand Chapters some uniform mode of discipline will be agreed upon. Our present regulations, if we understand them correctly, allow a brother whose name has been stricken from the roll of members in the Lodge, to retain membership in his Chapter, and even to parade as a valiant Knight. Should we not say to those unwilling to sustain the Lodge, 'Not wanted in the Chapter'?"

To which Comp. DADMUN responds:—

"Comp. BARLOW, the difficulty is, in legislating upon that subject, to avoid making the innocent suffer with the guilty. Come, let us reason together.

"Brethren who have been in good circumstances, but are now poor, do not always like to publish their utter inability to help support five or six Masonic bodies, with which they have been connected for many years, and to which they have contributed liberally and manfully in their better days; and it is unkind and uncharitable to say to them, 'You shall, or lose your heads.' It is an easy thing to say, 'Beg, and we will forgive the debt.' They say, 'To beg I am ashamed.' Suppose such indigent brethren to be obliged to give up their connection with all but one of these bodies; is it kind and just in us to say, 'If you do not belong to the Lodge, you shall belong to none'? Must they be tabooed if they prefer Knighthood, or the Royal Arch, to all the others?

"Again, we know of Master Masons who have made frequent applications to become members of some Lodge near their residences, and have never succeeded; not because they were Masonically unworthy, but because of some political or religious pique held against them by some would-be Masonic autocrat within the Lodge. Our secret ballot precludes the power to ferret out such iniquity."

We would ask Comp. DADMUN which is the most humiliating, to allow your brethren to believe that you have the ability but not the disposition to pay your dues, or to say to them at once, Brethren, I am unable to pay; give me further time or grant me a remission—which of these phases of the case would command the highest respect of your brethren? Poverty is no crime, neither is it a disgrace. To make a solemn promise and disregard it, having the ability to fulfill it, is both a shame and a disgrace, and should subject a man to the "contempt and detestation of all good Masons." It is in the Lodge where all *real* duties of Masonry are performed, and shall a man shirk these because he prefers the less onerous duties of the Chapter or Commandery? We say, as we have often said before in discussing this question, let a man first provide for the necessities of life before seeking the luxuries. With reference to the last paragraph of the above quotation, we will say that the law of California expressly provides for all such cases: having made application for affiliation, a brother has done all that lies in his power to comply with the law, and if rejected, it is no fault of his; consequently, the law of California provides that the effort to affiliate places him in good standing for a period of six months, after which he must again apply, or pay to some Lodge a sum equivalent to its monthly dues during the time he has resided within its jurisdiction.

Under the head of Oregon he says:—

"The Grand High Priest *should* have power to suspend any officer, or revoke a charter, for failure or refusal to enforce Masonic law; but where is the Masonic authority for granting him power to 'discipline any R. A. Mason for all un-Masonic conduct?' We know this is qualified by the phrase 'in all cases of urgent necessity'; but that may mean much or little, according to the standpoint from which it is viewed by the Grand High Priest.

Oregon a rabid teetotaler, and that a private member of a Chapter should become intoxicated. He might say: 'Intemperance is the greatest crime a man can commit; it is the cause of all other crimes—murder, theft, and robbery—I therefore suspend him from all the rights and privileges of R. A. Masonry.' Is there any Grand Chapter that would submit to any such mode of discipline for such an offense? Would subordinate Chapters long be loyal to such arbitrary government? Pray tell us what disciplinary or judicial power is left for the subordinates under such a statute? Just what the Grand High Priest chooses to allow, and nothing more. Comp. PATTON is right, and has Masonic law on his side."

We fully sympathize with the *spirit* of these remarks, and in our last Report we talked quite as strongly against the practice, denying that any precedent existed for such a course; but as the *other* D. would have it, DRUMMOND of Maine read our indignant protest, and with a beaming smile informed us that Grand Masters in Massachusetts and Maine have always had that power. We rushed for the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts hoping to catch DRUMMOND "on the hip;" but alas for human expectations! There it was, in black and white, and there was no getting around it. We scored one for Maine, and were glad "we didn't say anything;" but if DRUMMOND smiled at us, he must have laughed outright at Comp. DADMUN, who is supposed to know the provisions of the Constitution of his own Grand Lodge. We couldn't help smiling just a little ourselves; but the strictures of Comp. DADMUN are right, nevertheless. No Grand Master or Grand High Priest should have such power.

Bro. DADMUN comes in on the home stretch with old non-affiliation hugging his wheel, and gives it a parting kick, as follows:—

"Voluntary membership, in subordinate Lodges, has always been considered the right of every Mason, and it is absurd to attempt to force affiliation while they have the right and power to reject applicants for membership.

"Deprivation of membership, according to general usage, has been considered the highest penalty for non-payment of dues; and non-payment of dues has not been considered a Masonic crime within the meaning of the O. B. We fully indorse the old Constitution when it says: 'Every Mason ought to belong to some Lodge;' but it does not say *shall*, under the penalty of suspension from all the rights of Masonry. If it did, it would be falsifying the Masonic signature, which is stamped upon every diploma and every dimit, and it would be equivalent to declaring an honorable discharge dishonorable.

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts prints these words on every copy of her Proceedings: 'In union with the most ancient and honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the old Constitutions.'"

The declaration that every Mason *ought* to belong to some Lodge implies the performance of a duty; and if Masons will not voluntarily perform their duties, they should be made to do so. We are loath to leave this excellent report here, but "time and tide, etc." *vale*.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

• MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-second Annual Convocation in the city of East Saginaw on the eighteenth day of January, 1881,—the M. E. SAMUEL H. NORTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM P. INNES being Grand Secretary. Several subordinate Chapters were represented; we have no time to count them.

The Grand High Priest delivered a well prepared address, in which he says:—

"The earth has yielded her increase abundantly. The granaries of the husbandman are filled to overflowing and throughout the length and breadth of our land prosperity abounds to a degree unprecedented, perhaps, in the history of this nation. War, pestilence, and famine, which have visited other lands and people in some of their devastating forms, scattering in their path desolation and death, have not been permitted to reveal their ghastly horrors in this our own fair heritage. For this let us thank Him in whose hands are the destinies of all nations, for surely these evidences of the divine goodness and mercy ought to inspire our hearts with thankfulness."

The death of M. E. Comps. WILLIAM BROWN, Past Grand High Priest, and FIDUS LIVERMORE, is announced, and fitting tributes paid to their memory.

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters, and two applications for others were denied, for good and sufficient reasons.

We note the following decisions:—

It is, I think, an almost universal rule that suspension in Blue Lodge in effect suspends from all the rights and benefits of capital Masonry. Any reliable evidence that the companion is suspended in his Lodge is sufficient: then direct your Secretary to enter the fact in the Record of the Chapter.

Question. Sometime since a member of our Chapter was expelled from his Lodge, and a proper record was made in Chapter 'B. B.' Subsequently, on appeal to Grand Lodge, the brother was restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry; but without affiliation, he having removed permanently from this Grand Jurisdiction. Does this action of Grand Lodge, in its effect, restore to membership in the Chapter, and if so, what action is required on the part of the Chapter?

Answer. I am of the opinion that this annulling by Grand Lodge of the act of the Lodge, thereby removing the cause of the non-recognition as a R. A. M., does, in effect, restore to membership in the Chapter; and as the Chapter did not, by its action, deprive him of membership, so none is necessary to restore, except that the proper record be made of the fact of restoration by Grand Lodge to all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Question. A candidate having been duly elected to receive the several degrees conferred in the Chapter, and having received the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. degrees, objection is made to his further advancement. Does the objection bar the further advancement of the candidate?

Answer. The candidate cannot be advanced until the objection is removed. (Sec. 4, Art. 11.)

Question. Would it be proper for the High Priest to invite a present or Past High Priest of another Chapter to preside while conferring the Royal Arch degree, and further, has the High Priest a right to dispense with the * * * * * when exalting to the sublime degree of a R. A. M.?

Answer. It is the duty of the High Priest to preside over his Chapter; but in the conferring of any degree, he may, with propriety, invite any Past or present High Priest to assist in the same. The * * * * * may not be dispensed with, but trifling with the candidates should not be permitted. They should be exalted, not degraded. Let every candidate for our sublime mysteries be treated as a gentleman. Then will these symbolic lessons be received and acknowledged as truly sublime.

Question. How often may a rejected candidate for the Chapter degrees renew his application? 2d. Is more than one ballot required for the degrees?

Answer. 1st. As often as the petitioner may choose, and two companions are found to recommend him, provided that three months shall have intervened between the rejection and a renewal of the application. (See Sec. 9, Art. 10, of Constitution.) 2d. Only one ballot is required for the degrees. (See Report of Committee, page 52, Proceedings 1879.)

In view of sundry irregularities occurring in one of the subordinate Chapters, the Grand High Priest was instructed to visit them as soon as convenient, reprimand them for their misconduct, and "endeavor to bring order out of confusion."

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the Treasury of \$2,950.18, and make appropriations amounting to \$1,105, leaving a balance at the end of the Convocation of \$1,845.18.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary, covers one hundred and eighty-two pages of the Annual, and is largely made up from choice selections from the Addresses of Grand High Priests and extracts from Reports on Correspondence of all the Grand Chapters in the United States. He is chary of comments, but his extracts are so judiciously selected that his Report is not only interesting, but valuable as a compilation of Masonic decisions and opinions. California, for 1880, receives a generous share of his notice, and liberal extracts are made from the Address of Comp. SPAULDING, and from our Report.

Under the head of Canada he quotes the remarks of the Grand Z. on the representative system, upon which he says:—

"We fail to see in what manner they can be made useful to the Grand Chapters. We of Michigan do not recognize the system, but if any companion can show us how Grand Representatives can be made useful, as well as ornamental, we will do our best with our Grand Chapter to have the system adopted."

They are useful in filling up any hiatus in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, by airing their eloquence in congratulatory speeches upon the fraternal relations existing between the Grand Chapter which they have the honor to represent and that to which they belong; also to help fill up the report of the Committee on Credentials, and to introduce distinguished visitors from the jurisdictions represented by them. They are also very useful at banquets, in responding to sentiments given in honor of their respective jurisdictions, and in many other ways they may be made useful, Comp. INNES. In California we use them to illustrate the virtue of hospitality. When a companion visits us from another jurisdiction the Representative of that Grand Chapter calls on him at once and introduces him to our public institutions, especially those presided over by the celebrated firm of *Push & Pull*, where the products of our vineyards are inspected and sampled. After a few inspections a carriage is called and the visitor is conveyed to his hotel. If he gets out alive he is fully convinced of the efficacy of the representative system as an *elevator*, and that, *under the influence* of our public institutions, the fraternal tie may be *drawn stronger and tighter*.

There are one hundred chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 7,315.

The *M. E.* CHARLES H. AXTELL was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Last year the proceedings of Minnesota failed to reach us in time for our report, and consequently we have the proceedings of two years before us for review.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of St. Paul on the twelfth day of October, 1880,—the *M. E.* THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* A. T. C. PIERSON being Grand Secretary. Thirty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

“Another cause for thankfulness to-day is that, although companions here and there, in many of our Chapters, have fallen victims to disease and death, over whose graves we drop the sympathetic tear, yet our Grand Circle remains unbroken, not a link having been severed during the year. Let us rejoice and be glad, yea, let us give thanks unto God, ‘for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.’”

In one of his decisions he says:—

“I am well aware that in 1875 the General Grand Chapter vested in its subordinates under dispensation ‘full power of discipline over their members, and the right to exercise all the powers of chartered Chapters, save the election and installation of officers.’ This was done, doubtless, on account of the long interim between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter; but it does not follow that the Chapters under dispensation under State Grand Chapters can exercise any such right; in fact, I believe said action of the General Grand Chapter only proves the reverse of this.”

In California, Chapters under dispensation exercise all the rights of chartered Chapters except the right of representation in Grand Chapter, and election and installation. We believe the Grand High Priest mistakes entirely the force of the edict of the General Grand Chapter. We do not understand it to apply only to the immediate subordinates of that Grand Body, but to all Chapters under dispensation. The attention of the General Grand Chapter was called to the matter by some rather sharp arguments between several reporters on the subject of the powers and privileges of Chapters under dispensation, and the weight of the argument was decidedly in favor of granting to those Chapters all the powers of chartered Chapters, except those specified above. We so understood the action of the General Grand Chapter at the time, and have always believed that a body which could *make* Royal Arch Masons should have the power to *unmake* or discipline them if necessary.

In the case referred to by the Grand High Priest, a brother had received the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's degrees in a Chapter under dispensation.

Objection was made to his exaltation on the ground of unmasonic conduct. The brother demanded that charges be preferred against him, that he might meet them and defend himself, and, when refused, he appealed to the Grand High Priest, who decided that he had no redress, but must wait until the Chapter was chartered before he could enjoy the privilege of having charges preferred against him. We believe this to be an error, and a great injustice to a brother Most Excellent Master, who, by such a decision, could neither defend his character nor obtain his rights.

Of the state of the Order in Minnesota he says:—

"I am happy to say that, on the whole, our Order is enjoying a reasonable degree of prosperity, and, so far as I can ascertain, peace, love, and unity prevail in all our borders. There has not been a very rapid increase in membership, but this, of itself, need not seriously grieve us. 'It is not the quantity, but the quality of the membership to which we should look, and which should excite pride and admiration.'"

He speaks in glowing terms of the hospitalities shown by the citizens and companions of Detroit to the members of the General Grand Chapter, and compares the comforts *suffered* on that occasion with the annoyances *enjoyed* by the Knights at Chicago, in a manner which speaks loudly in favor of Detroit.

The following is worthy of being copied in every jurisdiction:—

"A promiscuous custom, having a tendency to mar the otherwise impressive ceremonies of some of our degrees, prevails, I fear, in many Chapters. I allude to the practice of making sport at the expense of the candidate. Such conduct deserves the severest censure, and ought not to be tolerated by any H. P. For want of due decorum it often happens that the symbolism of what should be a solemn and impressive ceremony is entirely lost sight of; the candidate feels that he is being trifled with and degraded, and members of a refined, dignified, or sensitive nature are often disgusted.

"I insist there is a wealth of meaning in all our ceremonies, that their symbolic teachings are simply sublime, and that no candidate should be deprived of the full benefit of that to which he is justly entitled, by the foolish and senseless, not to say inhuman practice which so often mars the beauty and sublimity, especially of the Royal Arch degree.

"I recommend that this Grand Chapter set the seal of its condemnation on all such frivolity and nonsense in the work, and require it to be done in an orderly and impressive manner."

The Grand Secretary, Comp. PIERSON, presented a full and interesting Report on Correspondence, in which California for 1879-80 receives fraternal and very complimentary attention. Thanks.

The twentieth Annual Convocation was also held in the city of St. Paul on the eleventh day of October, 1881,—the M. E. W. G. BRONSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. A. T. C. PIERSON being Grand Secretary. Thirty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and entirely local in its character. Two dispensations had been granted for the formation of new Chapters, and a number of decisions were rendered, but none of general interest or importance.

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the Treasury of \$1,008.09.

Comp. PIERSON again presents one of his genial Reports on Correspondence, giving California a first rate notice. He says:—

"Comp. T. H. CASWELL presented an excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence embracing a review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, those of Minnesota not included. Last year we borrowed a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California from Bro. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary of Wisconsin. Could not Comp. CASWELL have done likewise? But then Minnesota proceedings are of not as much account in California as those of California are in Minnesota."

The proceedings of Minnesota are of great account to us, for we are always anxious to know what Comp. PIERSON has to say of us; and when we sat down to our annual love-feast this year and found Minnesota in her accustomed place we remem-

bered how sadly we regretted her absence last year, and with a fond caress we lifted up our voice and sang—

Oh! Minne, we have missed you;
Welcome, welcome home.

But we don't see how his borrowing a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California from Bro. WOODHULL of Wisconsin would have helped us any with regard to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

The M. E. O. G. MILLER was elected Grand High Priest — Grand Secretary re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Jackson on the seventh day of February, 1881,—the M. E. FREDERICK SPEED, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. L. POWER being Grand Secretary. Forty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a lengthy and eloquent Address, full of wisdom and good counsel, except in one instance, where he loses his head on the Cryptic degrees and makes some wild suggestions which cool reflection, we trust, will lead him to regret. He gives the following sombre picture of the state of the Order in that jurisdiction:—

"I indulged the hope when we parted last year that with the return of better days I would be able to present my congratulations upon a revival of interest in the branch of Masonry whose interests, through your kind partiality, were then committed to my charge, but the result has been disappointing.

"Our Chapters, with few exceptions, are languishing, and a degree of apathy has fallen upon the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction which it would be folly to attempt to conceal, even if it were the part of wisdom to do so. The causes of this condition of affairs are not easy of ascertainment, though it is believed that if all the material which has been worked into our symbolic structure had received the same careful scrutiny which the stones laid into the walls of our great Masonic prototype, the Temple of Solomon, received at the hands of the inspectors, we would not now be lamenting the fact that in some places our walls are crumbling beneath a weight which the use of improperly prepared stones has not given it the requisite strength to sustain.

"As not every stone is suited for use in the erection of a material structure, so it is not every man who is fitted by temperament and education to be worked into our symbolic edifice. As my predecessor so well said, in his address to you last year: 'Freemasonry is no asylum for the profane. It is not an institution of reform. It covets no such distinction as this. The standard by which it measures a man is perfection. The man who would be a Mason must first be prepared in heart, and his reception into the Order is not for the purpose of making him a good man, but because he is already a good man and true.'

"In my judgment, the unnecessary multiplication of bodies has produced the legitimate result which ought to have been foreseen. Every Chapter for which there was not a pressing necessity was an instrument pregnant with danger to the Craft. When organizations are effected there must be something for them to do, and the natural consequence is that they seek for material, instead of leaving the material to seek them, and when the number of candidates is not sufficient to provide a sufficiency of revenue to meet the expenses it becomes a prime necessity that they should be secured. There are instances when this has been done regardless of consequences, and it is believed that many men have found their way into the Chapter who never would have entered its courts but for the fact that the members have stifled their scruples in order to replenish a depleted treasury.

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As, to be hated, needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

He occupies much space in discussing the Cryptic imbroglio, and not in the best of humors; but we trust he will speedily recover from his irritation and follow with the majority. To show how he feels in the matter, we extract the following in relation to the General Grand Council:—

"The organization of a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters will probably be effected. From the temper and spirit manifested by the self-constituted

convention which set it upon foot, it is fair to presume that it will be an aggressive body, and there is some reason to fear that it will attempt an interference with those Grand Chapters which have assumed control of the Cryptic degrees. Precisely what form that interference will take of course cannot be predicted with any certainty, but it may be that it will attempt the creation of Councils to work these degrees in the States where the Grand Chapters exercise jurisdiction over them. There is one way in which we may effectually guard against any such attempt, and that is to prohibit any Royal Arch Mason from engaging in the work under penalty of expulsion, and I recommend that you take into consideration the propriety of adopting a regulation imposing such a penalty. We have no reason to expect that the General Grand Chapter will hereafter legislate against the position we have assumed, and, indeed, we have ground for indulging the hope that, before it is again convened, a majority of the States will adopt the 'Mississippi plan,' and thereby render it powerless to take any adverse action."

We do not know where our *M. E.* companion finds his grounds for the hope he expresses, but we can assure him that it will never be realized, for all but four or five of the Cryptic jurisdictions have already tendered their allegiance to the General Grand Council, and the others will doubtless soon follow their example.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of two new Chapters.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to the condition of the Order submitted the following report:—

"Your committee on so much of the Address of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest as relates to the condition of the Masonic Order in your Grand Jurisdiction, report:

"That they have looked upon the question with great concern for many years, and the solution of the problem seems difficult to attain. Experience is a good teacher, but your committee have found by observation that there has been perhaps too much of the progress of the age inculcated into our system to keep it healthy.

"We concur in the views of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest as expressed in his Address, and with him unite in deprecating the condition of Capitular Masonry in your Grand Jurisdiction.

"Your committee believe that the causes which have produced the present condition of our Order began some twenty-five or thirty years ago, when Masonry took a rebound—became exceedingly popular, and Lodges began to increase, until there was a Lodge instituted at nearly every village, railroad depot, and cross-roads in the State.

"The rule that a new Lodge should not be created nearer than ten miles of an existing Lodge was either abrogated or violated, and Lodges became so numerous that it became necessary for their existence that every man in their bounds should be brought in by some means; and, as a natural sequence, a vast amount of defective material was worked into our moral and Masonic edifice that was not very fit for the building.

"The officers of many of the small Lodges were not well skilled in the ritual, and many Masons were made without ever acquiring a knowledge of the Art to enable them to pass among intelligent brethren. Chapters must be increased, too, to meet the supposed demands of progress, and where there ought not to have been more than one Chapter in a county we find there have been as high as one hundred and ten Chapters in the State, which has but seventy-four counties, and many of them not able to keep up a Chapter at all.

"The conclusion of your committee is that we have too many Lodges, a great want of Masonic intelligence in the ritual—the legendary history and philosophy of our ancient and honorable Order; too many Masons, unless they are well skilled in the Royal Art; too many Chapters, too much ignorance, we may say, without meaning to cast reproach on our companions, and a total want, in many localities, of the true spirit of Masonry, especially in the Chapters, to carry on their work and keep up their organizations.

"How many Chapters in the State can confer the degrees with credit to themselves and honor to the Craft? We will not answer the question, but leave it to each one to answer it conscientiously for itself.

"Your committee thank the Grand High Priest for calling attention to this important subject, and we commend his address to the careful consideration of every Royal Arch Mason in your jurisdiction.

"Your committee look upon another aspect of the case with fearful apprehensions, and we cannot speak too plainly of a practice which prevails, we fear, to an alarming degree. It is that of making Royal Arch Masons out of Masons who cannot bear an examination on any of the preceding degrees, and when a class applies for the Chapter degrees they are put through in the shortest possible time, without understanding anything about it. How can we expect to succeed in making intelligent Masons with such loose practices?

"The idea of a candidate for the Capitular degrees waiting a month after taking the Mark degree, and being required to bear an examination on that degree before advancing to another, would be regarded as a preposterous proposition in the opinion of your committee.

"We are progressing too fast. We must make a retrograde movement, and respect the ancient rules, regulations, and practices if we expect to succeed in Royal Arch Masonry, by teaching the ritual as perfectly as possible."

A very good Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. PHINEAS M. SAVERY, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and also of the General Grand Chapter. California is not noticed; gone astray once more, we presume. We give the conclusion of the report, which is well worth reading:—

"Our second, and we presume our last Report on Correspondence, is finished. We have enjoyed a feast of good things in the perusal of the proceedings that we were fortunate enough to receive, and we regret very much that we could not have access to all. From the twenty-seven copies of proceedings of as many different Grand Chapters, we have culled a little, only, of the valuable information therein contained. The circumscribed goblet furnished by the Grand Chapter will hold but a few drops of the nectar that in some Grand Jurisdictions bubbles and foams unrestrained in herculean beakers, but if there is one companion of our Grand Chapter who entertains the thought that these annual reviews are worthless, and that 'tis time misspent to read them, we ask that he may be appointed reporter for the Grand Chapter for one year, and that he be required to inspect, read, and comment on the proceedings submitted to him. Then we are confident that he 'ever so blind' his sight will be restored; 'ever so deaf,' he will hear again; and were he 'aforetime paralyzed,' his sense of feeling would be renewed, and he would ever thereafter esteem it a privilege unsurpassed by any other enjoyed in Masonic work. If he admires eloquence, he will find the genuine article in many of the addresses of the Grand High Priests. Is he charmed with poesy? the choicest gems have been gathered, and Reports on Correspondence are studded with its brilliants. Is he a searcher after the great truths that to so many companions are ever hidden from view? within these reports the rubbish has been often removed, and knowledge shines forth as the sun. Is he a stickler for Masonic law? he will find therein decisions of Masonic giants in jurisprudence; and if he dreams that his forte is controversy, there he can find ample opportunity to display his skill, whether it be with the reporter's broadsword, battle-axe, lance, or winged arrow, for there are many veterans in the ranks of the Mutuels whose hacked swords, dented helmets, and battered shields prove them to be no 'carpet knights,' but foemen worthy of his steel.

"To our companion reporters we say: Peace be with you, prosperity attend you; may angels guard you while on earth, and may we be enabled through the infinite mercy of God to meet hereafter, an unbroken band of redeemed companions, beneath the arch of our Father's throne in the celestial city of God."

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MISSOURI.

Before taking up the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for review, we received the sad tidings of the death of M. E. Comp. SAMUEL H. OWENS, Grand High Priest, who departed this life on the twenty-second day of February, 1882. Of him it is said:—

"No words of eulogy are needed. He was loved and honored by all. From his earliest manhood he has been one of the most active, influential, and useful members of the Masonic Fraternity. Frank, generous, brave, and true, and loyal to what he conceived to be right, he has left us a bright example of unswerving allegiance to duty."

Comp. OWENS was also Past Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and had held many other high positions in the Order with credit to himself and honor to his brethren. We tender our sincere sympathy to our companions of Missouri in the great loss they have sustained.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was commenced in the city of St. Louis on the fifth day of May, 1881,—the M. E. JAMES E. CADLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Secretary. Fifty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is concise and business-like, being principally confined to a report of his official acts. He reported the granting of three dispensations for the formation of new Chapters.

The following decision was rendered :—

"Where reasonable grounds exist to believe the Secretary of the Chapter guilty of official misconduct, has the H. P. the right to take possession of the books and papers, and order an investigation?

"If, in the investigation, guilt is shown, has the H. P. the authority to order the Scribe to prefer charges without waiting the action of the Lodge of which the accused may be a member?

"ANSWER. *First*—The H. P. has the right to order an investigation, and may take possession of the books and papers of the Secretary. They are the property of the Chapter, and the Secretary is only their custodian during his term of office, or good behavior.

"*Second*—If, on the investigation, sufficient cause exists, the H. P. should order charges preferred. I know of no law or rule specially requiring the Scribe to prefer charges. The H. P. may order the Scribe, or any other member of the Chapter to prefer charges and conduct the case; and unless the accused has been suspended or expelled by the Lodge, he is subject to discipline in the Chapter. Suspension or expulsion by the Lodge carries its penalties into the Chapter. (*Rule 47, p. 36.*)"

The charters of six Chapters were arrested for non-payment of dues.

He reports that "several applications for permission to report on petitions out of time were made, to enable parties to receive the Commandery degrees and attend the Grand Conclave at Chicago, as Knights Templar. Not considering this an emergency, I declined to grant them." We believe this is the first instance that has come under our notice where a Grand High Priest has had the nerve to say *no* to such a request. In most instances Grand High Priests have been good-natured enough to prostitute their power to petty ambition, and allow the Chapter to be used as a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery. We are delighted to have found one instance of determination to protect the dignity of the Chapter.

The *entente cordiale* with Colorado was restored by the appointment of a representative in place of Comp. BYRNE, whose commission was revoked for reviewing the Royal High African Grand *What is it?* in connection with the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

The following amendment to the Rules was adopted :—

"No Chapter shall receive the petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees until six months shall have elapsed from the date of his rejection.

"Rejected applicants for membership may petition at any succeeding stated meeting of any Chapter."

This is identical with our California law.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$4,048.64.

The Grand Lecturer, in his Report, says:

"I believe I can confidentially say that Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri is in a prosperous condition, and the work of the Chapters will compare favorably with that of any of our sister jurisdictions."

Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Secretary, presents a full and interesting Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, and also those of the General Grand Chapter. California, for 1880, receives fraternal notice.

This jurisdiction has eighty-seven subordinate Chapters, eighty-four of which made returns, showing a membership of 3950; estimated membership of three delinquent Chapters, 50; making a total of 4000.

The M. E. SAMUEL H. OWENS* was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

* Since deceased.

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Chapter held its fourteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Lincoln on the twentieth day of December, 1831.—the M. E. H. BAXTER NICODEMUS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN being Grand Secretary. Twenty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"I desire sincerely to congratulate you upon the harmony that has prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction, the companions with one accord having put their shoulders to the wheel and loyally devoted themselves to promoting the interests and prosperity of the Royal Craft. Capitular Masonry in Nebraska, I am proud to say, is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Many stones have been laid in the wall during the past year, and the material has been of the best character, having been tried in the crucible and not found wanting."

Dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters were granted. The Grand High Priest pays the following deserved compliment to the Grand Secretary:—

"I am greatly indebted to and under lasting obligations to our Right Excellent Grand Secretary, WILLIAM R. BOWEN, for the very valuable advice, kind assistance, and many personal acts of kindness he has extended me during my term as executive of this Grand Chapter. I can truly say his worth to Capitular Masonry in Nebraska cannot be over-estimated."

The following shows that our companions of Nebraska have not forgotten that "Charity is the greatest of all the virtues:—"

"A companion of *Troumseh* Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., has for a number of years been an inmate of an insane asylum, and is undoubtedly incurable. His dues in the Chapter remain unpaid, and the companion is borne upon the rolls in good standing. Will the Grand Chapter remit the Grand Chapter dues for this unfortunate companion, *Furnas* Chapter remitting the dues to the Chapter?"

The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the following report from that committee was adopted:—

"To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Nebraska:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the case of a companion of *Furnas* Chapter, No. 9, has had the same under consideration, and find that the disability of the companion is the result of his misfortune, not his fault; and if *Furnas* Chapter will remit the dues owing and acceding to it from the companion, your committee recommends that henceforward the Grand Chapter remit the companion while such disability continues."

The Committee on Finances report a balance on hand, unappropriated, of \$658.84.

An attempt at biennial Convocations was made, but failed. The following query was propounded and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

"Is it competent for this Grand Chapter to make rules and regulations for the government of its own subordinates, inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter for the government of subordinates? In other words: Do such provisions in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter relate exclusively to the Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, or are they binding upon our Grand Chapter, and through it upon the several subordinates of this jurisdiction?"

The committee, after considering the same, presented a majority and a minority report, the minority report being as follows:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the query proposed by Comp. WARREN, have had the same under consideration, and find it to be an abstract question, which in fact has never arisen in this jurisdiction, and may never arise. It is therefore reported back to the Grand Chapter, with a recommendation that its further consideration be postponed.

A. G. HASTINGS.

"Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence."

Following is the report of the majority of the committee:—

"The undersigned members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the query of M. E. Comp. WARREN, would report that we have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that this Grand Chapter, may, at its pleasure, make rules and regulations for the government of its own subordinates inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter for

the government of subordinates; ' *provided, always, that such regulations and rules do not contravene any of the landmarks or the fundamental laws of Masonry.*

"The undersigned are of the opinion that this Grand Chapter has supreme control and authority over its own immediate subordinates, subject to the proviso above mentioned; and that the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is limited to its own immediate subordinates, or through this Grand Chapter it may control the same.

"Our belief and opinion is that those provisions in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter relating to the government of its subordinates refer exclusively to the Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, situate in territory where no Grand Chapter exists; that this Grand Chapter is, and of right ought to be, independent and supreme in its control over Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, subject to the limitation above expressed, that it shall not violate the landmarks of the Order; that we admit our allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, and its authority over those matters submitted to its control, but we insist that among the matters thus submitted to its power and jurisdiction is not that of power to interfere in our lawful control of our own subordinates.

E. F. WARREN,

F. E. WHITE,

"Committee on Jurisprudence."

We are surprised at the tenor of both these reports, and can concur in neither of them. The statement in the minority report, that it was an "abstract question," which had never arisen in that jurisdiction, and might *never* arise, is negated by the very fact that the question was propounded, and a blind man might see that it was not presented without a purpose. The companion who introduced the fire-brand was a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who doubtless expected to secure the adoption of a report, ostensibly written by himself, which would commit his Grand Chapter to a course of action directly in violation of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, thus causing each member thereof to violate the solemn obligation which he had voluntarily taken. To prove that we are correct in this matter we quote a portion of Sec. 1, Art. II, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, relative to *State Grand Chapters*:—

"And the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper; *provided, such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.*"

Can the English language convey a plainer intent and meaning? The Constitution, in the section quoted, makes no allusion to subordinate Chapters, but is expressly intended for the government of "State Grand Chapters;" and yet the majority of the committee, by their report, say that it is competent for a Grand Chapter to make rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, at the same time acknowledging their allegiance to that body.

The query and the two reports thereon were referred to a Special Committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation, when, we trust, the committee, having had time to thoroughly consider the matter, will vindicate their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter by denouncing the doctrine advocated in the majority report.

The following resolution was offered:—

"*Resolved.* That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that it is not proper for the Chapters of this jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"*M. E.* Companion WARREN moved that consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, and, on motion of *M. E.* Companion MUNGER, its consideration was postponed until the second day of the next Annual Convocation."

In this resolution and the action thereon lies the explanation of the foregoing query and the reports in connection with it. Comp. WARREN is a strong advocate of the "Mississippi plan." It was he who presented the query, knowing it would be referred to a committee of which he was a member, and the only purpose of the query and the object of his report was to obtain a declaration by the Grand Chapter of its right to violate the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, by authorizing its subordinates to confer degrees not recognized by the governing Grand Body. It

is of no use, Comp. WARREN, the General Grand Council has its grip on you, and squirm as you will, you cannot escape.

Comp. WARREN is the author of the interesting and well written Report on Correspondence which brings up the rear of the proceedings, and in which are reviewed the transactions of forty-one Grand Chapters. In his notice of California he quotes our remarks relative to the merging question, upon which he says :—

“One word *here* anent that celebrated resolution that is being so variously construed. We were present in General Grand Chapter when it was introduced. We were surprised that *SPED*, of Mississippi, and other ‘mergers’ on the committee, could consistently sign such a report. But we were informed, as were others, that the passage of such a resolution was, in effect, a *disclaimer of all power to interfere* with such of the Grand Chapters as chose to assume the control of those degrees. And so we say that, while there may have been no *misrepresentation*, there was a misunderstanding; those committee-men may have been outwitted or hoodwinked, but no such resolution could ever have passed the General Grand Chapter had it been believed possible that Companion CASWELL and others would put upon it such a construction.

“As to the establishment of Councils here, it is idle to suppose it. It were better for any Royal Arch Mason who should enter into or assist in any such scheme that he had never been exalted. Who would protect him from expulsion for defying our Grand Chapter? *The power to protect does not exist; that fact ends all discussion.*”

This is all very well, Comp. WARREN; your Chapter Royal and Select Masters will, nevertheless, be declared irregular and clandestine, and “what are you going to do about it?” We expect to see a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska in less than three years, notwithstanding the threat of Grand Chapter discipline. Your Grand Chapter has no more right to claim jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees than it has to control the order of “Haymakers;” and you had better resign gracefully while you have the opportunity to do so voluntarily.

Under the head of Canada, his views are sound. He says :—

“We will ask Companion ROBERTSON two questions that we propounded to Companions SCHULTZ and DRUMMOND, as yet unanswered, and ask fair consideration thereof :

“1. Is it competent for any Grand Lodge of Masons to declare that a Mason suspended for unmaasonic conduct in its jurisdiction is in good standing, notwithstanding the judgment and sentence?

“2. Is it competent for any Grand Lodge to declare that a *forced* non-affiliate, ‘stricken from the rolls’ for non-payment of dues, is in good standing?

“And we invite Companion ROBERTSON’s attention to what we said thereon under Maine and Maryland, in our review of 1880. Companion ROBERTSON says: ‘We decline to *punish* for non-payment of dues with the same severity,’ etc.: but the whole point is, Companion ROBERTSON, that you *do* ‘*punish*’ therefor, and so concede. Now, any sentence that is not ended at once (e. g. reprimand) leaves the person undergoing the same under punishment, and hence not in good standing while it continues.”

Under the head of District of Columbia we are glad to find he agrees with us. He says :—

“Under California, where Companion CASWELL says it ‘smacks strongly of absurdity’ to open a Chapter, call off, open on one of the inferior degrees, then call back again to close, Companion LARNER says :

“If the rule ‘smacks strongly of absurdity’ in connection with a Chapter, pray tell us why it does not ‘smack strongly of absurdity’ in connection with the Lodge also, where the rule is rigidly enforced?

“It would be, or is equally absurd in the one case as the other. No such rule is observed with us in either of the bodies, and we agree with the Californian.”

His version of LARNER’s shooting match yarn is too good to lose :—

“The plain facts about the shooting are substantially these: Over in Windsor Companion LARNER found the refreshments he was in search of, and when the shooting was proposed he began immediately to tell what wonderful things he had done with a rifle ‘in his day;’ referred to the ‘late unpleasantness’ in such a way as caused us to believe he had commanded a brigade of sharp-shooters; but he was careful to qualify his exploits with the assertion that he had always used a rifle with *telescopic sights*; said he could not see without them. Now, the target rifles had no

telescopic sights thereon. Companion LARNER could hit nothing. He put on his gold-bowed nose-pinchers; still he could hit nothing. Under a happy inspiration he sent out for six *beer glasses*, saying that oftentimes the light was refracted and *focused*, etc., through the bottom of a beer glass. The first pair of glasses didn't fit, nor did the second *focus* worth a cent, but, after trying on the third pair, he took aim at one of the stationary targets, and *rang the bell on the swinging target!* There is no doubt about it. EASTMAN, MORRIS, DAUGHERTY, DEWEY, BOSTWICK, and others saw him shoot. Companion LARNER, with the remark that there was nothing equal to a good beer glass to look through, claimed the shot as the result of design, not accident. Whereupon we *did* vote him a 'prize,' which consisted of a leather medal bearing upon its obverse, on a field of amber, a glass of beer *rampant*, with the motto *Trans hoc poculum vides*; and upon its reverse an unmarked target *couchant*, surmounted by an exploded cartridge; underneath, the legend, *Nunquam teligit*. We did not mention Companion LARNER's part in the tournament in our last, from motives of delicacy, but we never claimed to have been the best marksmen; we modestly said '*Nebraska was not beaten*.' Thus much to vindicate the truth of history."

This, under Maine:—

"Our belief is this: If a Master Mason, clear upon the Secretary's books and not under charges, asks for a dimit, he is entitled to it. When dimitted he is an unaffiliated Mason in *good standing*. We believe he *should be* permitted to retain his dimit in his pocket as long as he pleases without affecting his standing, and in the absence of special regulations declaring otherwise such would be the fact. But we are not now discussing the policy of such regulations. What we insisted on before, and what we say now, is that when a Mason is *forced* out of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause, and, by virtue of such 'suspension,' is deprived of any of his Masonic rights he is *not* in good standing, and that it is a contradiction in terms to say that a Mason 'suspended from membership' is in good standing. Can this position be successfully controverted? Every expelled Mason is a non-affiliate. Companion DRUMMOND's position reduced to a syllogism is about this:

"All Master Masons in Maine suspended from membership for non-payment of dues are unaffiliated Masons.

"All unaffiliated Masons are in good standing.

"Therefore, one unaffiliated for non-payment of dues is in good standing."

Much more we would be glad to extract from this *first-class* report, but we have already lingered too long in Nebraska. Comp. WARREN is a writer of ability, and were it not that he allows his hostility to the General Grand Chapter to get the better of his judgment there would be no more interesting reporter.

There are twenty-three subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 932.

The M. E. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Virginia on the thirteenth day of June, 1881,—the M. E. FRANK BELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND being Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters (eight) were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and contains nothing of general interest. The following paragraph expresses it all:—

"Since this Grand Chapter called me to preside over its councils I have had no disagreeable duties, and but few of any kind, peace and harmony prevailing."

The Grand Secretary, in his Report, says:—

"We are also under obligations to R. E. THOMAS H. CRAWFORD, the accomplished Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of California, for a complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of that State. Acknowledgment is also made to various parties who have furnished single books and periodicals during the year.

"The current proceedings of most of the Grand Chapters with which this Grand Chapter is in correspondence have been received. The attention of Grand Secretaries, who may by chance see this Report, is called to the necessity of carefully wrapping books destined to this coast. Every year proceedings come to this office in a sorry condition for lack of heed in this direction."

We thank our esteemed companion for his graceful compliment, but at the same time desire to inform him that we are by no means "accomplished;" a thing accomplished is *finished*. We're "sloshing around" yet. Grand Secretaries will please take notice of his caution relative to wrapping, and govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,018.16.

The representatives of twelve Grand Chapters were received and welcomed in an eloquent address by R. E. ADOLPHUS L. FITZGERALD, Acting Deputy Grand High Priest, which was responded to by M. E. DAVID E. BAILY, P. G. H. P., on behalf of the representatives, as follows:—

*"Most Excellent Grand Council and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada:*

"For myself, and on behalf of my companions here representing the various Grand Bodies which we do, for those Grand Bodies, and in their name, I return you most sincere and cordial thanks for the warm and fraternal welcome we have received at your hands. We appropriate this welcome not to ourselves, individually, but receive it as the cordial greeting of the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada to her sister Grand Chapters, represented in us.

"This annual greeting and annual reception might by the world be regarded as an idle form and empty ceremony. We, as Royal Arch Masons, know that it is not so; but on the contrary, that it is the outward demonstration of that brotherly love which exists within our hearts, and but a means of bringing us more closely together, of more lastingly linking the ties which unite us, making us feel that we are all constituent parts of that great brotherhood which has existed from time immemorial, and will last until 'time shall be no more.'

"The Grand Chapters which we here represent are separate and distinct from yours, it is true, yet we are all united and are all one—

"Distinct as the billows, yet one as the sea."

"We are one in good works, one in a broad humanity, one in good and noble aims, one in 'brotherly love, relief, and truth.'

"Permit me again to return you the thanks of the Grand Chapters represented in us for this reception, and with them to convey to you the best wishes of those several Grand Chapters, their congratulations to this the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada, which, although one of the youngest, is yet one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of Grand Chapters. Again we thank you."

Respectfully referred to our companions of Michigan, who desire to find a use for representatives.

The Committee on Finances submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That after the present year the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be published biennially only.

"*Resolved*, That the Standing Resolution adopted in 1879, 'to pay the traveling expenses of representative from each Chapter,' be and the same is hereby rescinded."

The Grand Secretary, Comp. HAMMOND, presented a well prepared Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of forty Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In his notice of California he says:—

"The excellent Correspondence Report of Comp. CASWELL next claims our attention, since, as heretofore, it is in the body of the proceedings, and not *appended* in accordance with the almost universal custom. So far as we now remember, Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, is the only other Reporter who believes in the sandwich style. Tip-top good company, Comp. CASWELL, but rather select. If one should venture to hint to DRUMMOND of a better way, the chances are that he would come back and say that for the last hundred years he had done it that way in Maine, and was perfectly satisfied; but CASWELL dwells in a newer clime, and attempts to defend his position.

"Having had our annual dig at our 'down below' neighbor, we will give a few of the many extracts we have marked, and first a bit of history about the Royal Ark Mariners."

Dig away, companion, and if you strike "pay dirt" we shall be satisfied. We are determined, however, not to allow our rich lead of Correspondence to "pinch out" in the porphyry ledge of an appendix.

He further says:—

"There are more quotations we would like to make, especially some in regard to the true doctrine of Chapter dues, wherein our companion valiantly affirms that he will maintain the truth even though 'the four D's, DADMAN, DRUMMOND, DERRY, and the—other D continue to oppose it.' Concerning which statement, we call a halt until it is definitely settled whether Companion CASWELL intends by such alliteration to give 'the—other D' his due in accordance with the proverb."

We believe in the prompt payment of dues; and when the—"other D" calls for his dues the first three D's will not be suspended for non-payment.

Under the head of Illinois he quotes the following:—

"If public installations are improper we would like to be informed of the reasons why they are. We always believed that such occasions were productive of much good, by leaving good impressions upon the persons who witnessed them, and tending to make people who were uninformed have a better opinion of the Order."

To which he replies:—

"It is just this anxiety to make a good impression on the profane mind that we object to. We have very little sympathy with the modern parade sentiment. It is the easiest thing in the world for an Order to strut itself to death. The world judges Masons as it judges men, not by what they say, however grandiloquent, nor by their vestments, however gorgeous, but by what they do, more than all by what they are. The Fraternity of Freemasons is a *secret* organization of honorable history and repute, and needs not that it should be advertised like a liver pad or a vermifuge."

We concur.

And again:—

"Our companion asks for 'more light' relative to the question of collecting dues from non-affiliates. Every non-affiliate in this jurisdiction, if able, must contribute dues to some Lodge, or else be suspended. The law asserts the broad doctrine, which in the end will win, that no Mason is entitled to the rights, lights, and benefits of the Fraternity unless, being fully able so to do, he helps to bear the burdens of Masonry. As to practical results, we assure you the law works like a hot knife in cold butter."

We are glad to find in Comp. HAMMOND a powerful ally upon the question of non-payment of dues. Under the head of Maine he says:—

"We are only sorry that our limited space forbids further quotation upon this interesting question. We are especially under obligations to Companion DRUMMOND for his clear statements; but, for all that, we are still of the opinion that he and his able *confreres* are fundamentally wrong in the positions assumed. The question is not one of *power*, but of justice and sound policy. We freely grant all that is claimed regarding the power of any Grand Chapter to fix any penalty for any offense, *provided* such action does not contravene a landmark. We further freely grant all that is claimed concerning ancient usage in the matter of dues. Without doubt, dues were established, primarily, to pay the tapster, the doctor, and the undertaker, and he who was derelict had to shirk for his beer, his quinine, and his coffin. Masonry has since assumed a higher plane; Lodges have ceased to meet in taverns, and no longer deem accident assurance and decent burial as the chief ends of their existence. *Non sibi, sed omnibus*, not self, but the Craft, is the motto of the true Mason to-day. To such a Masonry the system of Lodge dues is essential. Voluntary contributions are equally unelleable in practice and faulty in theory. He who *can* pay must pay, not for selfish reasons, but for the good of the Fraternity. He who *will not*, being able, is guilty of contempt, and, until he purge himself of his contempt, should have no part or lot with us. The life has departed from him, let him be buried. The great Masonic Temple of this day is no place for mummies, though they be spiced with the perfumes of a hundred years. To belong to and to help support some Lodge is not merely a privilege, to be measured only by personal gain, but a plain *duty* as well. We are not at all inclined to look with favor upon any punishment for willful neglect short of actual suspension. But we must not fill up space in this manner. Will not Companion DRUMMOND, or DERRY either, if it falls to him, insist less upon the *right* of Maine to suspend her criminals by the 'neck or waist,' as she shall deem most fitting, and give us half a page or more upon the *policy* of 'waist' suspension?"

"Closely allied to the question above stated is that other New England doctrine that a man may be a full-fledged Royal Arch Mason in perfect standing and yet be suspended as high as HAMAN (N. B.—By the waist) from a Blue Lodge pole. Companion MEYER has just been giving the question a serious jab with a sharp stick, and Companion DRUMMOND ably replies. We should like to write fifty or sixty pages on so fruitful a theme, but who would pay for it, and—who would read it? We

wonder now at our own temerity in trying to lance a veteran with our poor goose quill. One ought not to be too presumptuous, or, as a hero in one of GEORGE McDONALD's novels puts it, when he affirms that he is altogether too prudent to 'gang an' kittle Sawtan's nose wif the p'int o' s' tail.' Positively!! no comparisons or intimations intended."

Comp. HAMMOND is an able and interesting writer, and his reports *tell*, but we can follow him no further at this time.

The eight Chapters of this Jurisdiction have a total membership of 412.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Virginia on the twelfth day of June, 1882.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have received advance sheets of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the general publication having been delayed for the completion of the Report on Correspondence.

A special Convocation was held in the city of Concord on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1880, to hear the report of the "Committee on Work" and the exemplification of the degrees.

The report of the committee, and the work as exemplified, was adopted as the work of this jurisdiction.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Concord on the seventeenth day of May, 1881,—the M. E. ALBERT S. WAIT, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary. Fifteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

M. E. Companion ISAAC HENRY STEARNS, Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, was introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we extract the following:—

"Freemasonry is an institution founded upon and growing out of the necessities of men as social, as intellectual, and as religious beings, and it deals with our social, our intellectual, and our religious interests. It has proved capable of adapting itself to the wants of all these in all the ages of human experience. No attentive student of Masonry can fail to perceive that there lies at its foundation a principle which makes it the great necessity of social man, and consequently a necessary institution growing inevitably out of his nature wherever its better phase has reached appreciable development. Amidst all the rivalries and antagonisms which pervade active life there is a want, a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and for such associative relations as shall be able to satisfy the cravings of our social natures. It is upon this principle that Freemasonry is founded. It builds upon and aims to develop the benevolent and sympathetic phases of our nature. Hence the institution could but be founded; it cannot fail to exist; it must necessarily grow and prosper with the growth and continued development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, not obtrusive; it makes no issues, nor sets up rivalries with the other institutions of the day, but, gathering the virtues of all the ages, it recognizes the inner cravings of the soul and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs."

With reference to the General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"I understand the proper province of the body to be the conservation of uniformity in the work of this branch of Masonry; and that this is all it claims for itself. It assumes no authority over the various Grand Chapters, or the interests of their jurisdictions, in anything relating to their government or that of the Chapters under them. Within this province I am satisfied of the usefulness of the organization, and believe that it justly demands our loyalty and support. It is the rival of no one, but a band of union among all, tending to more intimate social and fraternal relations among a brotherhood so widely dispersed as without it to be in danger of remaining at perpetual distance from each other."

This exhibits the General Grand Chapter in the light of a harmless old granny, whose only functions are to gather the children around her at stated times and keep peace in the family by keeping them amused. With sorrow we acknowledge that there is too much of truth in the picture.

It appears that the adoption of the work at the special Convocation in September

was premature. It was found to vary in so many particulars from the work prescribed by the General Grand Chapter that it has not been promulgated.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

The Finance Committee report a balance in the treasury of \$339.16

The returns of twenty subordinate Chapters show a total membership of 2220.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Trenton on the fourteenth day of September, 1881,—the *M. E.* CHARLES BROXTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS being Grand Secretary. Twenty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to matters of local interest, but in the following he gives his companions some sound advice :—

"The financial condition of this Grand Chapter demands and should receive your careful and serious consideration. For some years past our expenses have exceeded our receipts, a state of things that ought not to exist.

"I am aware that I am treading on dangerous ground in calling your attention to this subject; but as a business man, I am talking to business men who, by becoming Royal Arch Masons, are not supposed to have left all their business education outside the Chapter-room. This question should be divested of all sentimental ideas and placed upon pure business principles, and when the Grand Chapter so determines, I have no doubt of the result. I would not advise putting additional burdens on our Chapters, being satisfied that they contribute at present all they are able to bear, but would rather advise the scaling down of our expenses to the proper limit."

The Reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, show that those officers have faithfully attended to their duty in visiting the Chapters, and that the Royal Craft in New Jersey is flourishing and harmonious.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$733.23.

The proceedings were entirely of local nature. The Grand Secretary, Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, presented an able Report on Correspondence, in which the proceedings of forty-two Grand Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter, are reviewed. California, for 1881, receives a generous share of his attention.

He quotes from the opening remarks of Comp. TINNIN's Address, with this comment :—

"The following pleasing illustration is from the opening Address of Comp. TINNIN, and affords a glimpse of this favored land as though it were a panorama passing in view."

Of our Report he says :—

"Comp. CASWELL's Report is very abundant in good things. Scarcely an item of importance in any other jurisdiction has escaped his attention, consequently there appears a Report both voluminous and instructive.

"He favors the removal from office of an appointed officer, by the appointing power, for neglect of duty, and holds that an installed officer should not be deprived of his rights of withdrawal from membership. In both of these opinions he differs from the usage of New Jersey, but he is in full accord when he says that no member should be allowed to bar progress by a simple objection without explanation. The application and misapplication of the term 'suspension,' occupies quite a prominence in his review."

With reference to our regulation concerning the examination of visitors, he says :—

"There can be no doubt that the authority of estimate is vested in each particular jurisdiction where the procedure of investigation is at the time conducting, that it remains *in toto* with the locality visited, and not with 'thy stranger that is within thy gates,' for a stranger must be remain until he has passed the ordeal of satisfactory examination, not only upon matters relating to rituals, but as to Masonic ethics, which latter are of the code pertaining to the jurisdiction where the application for recognition occurs."

He quotes approvingly from our arguments upon suspension for non-payment of dues, etc., and we are more than pleased to have so able an ally.

Under the head of Colorado, he thus expresses his opinion upon the merging *Masso*:—

"Comp. HAMBEL held that as the General Grand Chapter, by its Constitution, did not recognize the degrees of the Cryptic Rite as a part of Royal Arch Masonry, they had no jurisdiction over the subject, 'leaving the several Grand Chapters free to act as to them might seem meet and proper for the general good of the Craft.'

"By what system of reasoning this conclusion was deduced it would be difficult to judge. Those interested in the subject are referred to the action of the General Grand Chapter under its distinctive head. By parity of deduction should the Arch Body, upon the subjects being presented of recognizing the Chivalric Orders, or the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, by resolution declare that they have no jurisdiction over the orders and degrees, it may be construed into leaving the matter to the free action of the several jurisdictions. (We had almost said freehooter action.)"

He is justly severe on the practice extensively indulged in by some Grand High Priests, of granting special dispensations to confer the degrees out of time for the purpose of accommodating those who wish to don the sword and plumes of a Knight Templar; and he gives the Grand High Priest of a sister jurisdiction "Hail Columbia" for his part in the mess. He says:—

"Royal Arch Masons have no right to debase Masonry, even in their own jurisdiction. It is not theirs even there, although a portion is in their keeping. No right of defilement exists, but defense of its integrity is compulsory. When a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with the sanction of the Grand High Priest, sets aside the time barrier erected for the proper purpose of delay and inquisition, and the action receives the indorsement of the Grand Body—while the record of events displays the ignoble purpose to have been that the candidates might be rushed through its portals and scampered over its floors and beneath its arches with an object and haste betokening an utter disregard of its holy things, in order that they might be able to appear at Chicago to take part in the pageant of a day—then is created and sanctioned a system of Royal Arch brigandage, an exacting of money for the mere right to pass on the way, to the defilement of the courts of the Temple, where should have been taught the tripple ties of holiness, morality, and fraternity.

"Is there a greater crime against Masonry than that of derogating the Institution from its sacred purpose to the base uses of only obtaining from it certain signs and words that will enable the recipient to pass securely to a further region? Is it not brigandage—the compelled barter of convoy for money?—safe conduct instead of light?

There are twenty-four Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 2475.

The *M. E. I.* LAYTON REGISTER was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Albany on the first day of February, 1881,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest says:—

"We have reason to be profoundly grateful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the many and various blessings vouchsafed to us since we last assembled in Annual Convocation. The products of the soil have been exceptionally abundant; steady employment for the masses of our people, with remunerative compensation, has been the rule, and notwithstanding the cares and excitement incident to a national political contest, the majority of the Chapters of the State have enjoyed increasing prosperity. Nothing calculated to seriously disturb the good will and fraternal harmony, which should ever subsist among Royal Arch Masons, has been reported to me. I therefore urge that we should enter upon the business of this Annual Convocation with the fullest expression of our humble and hearty thanks, and with a united prayer for a continuance of the Divine favor and blessing."

The appointment of a large number of representatives near other Grand Chapters is announced; among them we find the name of *M. E.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, as

representative near the Grand Chapter of California. In connection with these appointments, the Grand High Priest says:—

"There is borne upon the rolls of this Grand Chapter the name of *M. E. Comp. JOHN N. LEWIS*, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near this Grand Chapter. He was received and accredited as such representative some years since; but *Comp. Lewis* has never been a member of any Chapter in this State, and it is my opinion that he is ineligible to hold such office. The universal rule has been, and should be, that a representative of a sister Grand Chapter must be under the jurisdictional control of the Grand Chapter near which his functions are performed. I did not feel entirely justified in declaring his office vacant, but I ask that this matter may be referred to our Committee on Jurisprudence for a consideration of the question; and if it shall be found that my opinion is correct, *Comp. Lewis'* office may be declared vacant, and the Grand High Priest of Connecticut be asked to fill the vacancy by the appointment of some *M. E.* companion hailing under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "the position should be declared vacant, and some affiliated companion named to the place."

A multitude of decisions are reported, from which we select the following, as of general interest:—

"Some ten years since *Morris Chapter*, No. 156, regularly conferred the Mark Master's degree on a candidate who very soon thereafter removed to another county, where he has since resided and now resides. He now asks *Morris Chapter* to confer the remaining degrees, and they desire to know whether they have authority to do so without the consent of the Chapter at his place of residence."

"I decided that the jurisdiction of *Morris Chapter* over the candidate is a personal one, and is complete, and neither lapse of time nor change of residence of the candidate can in the least degree modify it; therefore, *Morris Chapter*, and that Chapter only, can lawfully advance the candidate, unless *Morris Chapter* cede its jurisdiction."

"I cannot resist the temptation to give a reason for the correctness of the above decision, founded on an authority older than our Constitutions and General Regulations, and which has stood the test of time. I quote from the *Ancient Charges of a Free Mason*: 'None shall discover Envy at the Prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his Work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the *Lord's* Profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the Designs and Draughts of him that began it.'

"On March 3d, 1880, *M. E. JOHN L. PIRAN*, High Priest of *Zerubbabel Chapter*, No. 147, made inquiry of me whether or not an unaffiliated Master Mason was eligible to the degrees of the Chapter."

"My decision was as follows: 'That by Sec. 53, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, none but Master Masons in good standing are eligible to the degrees of the Chapter; and as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York imposes certain penalties and disabilities for unaffiliation, I am compelled to decide that an unaffiliated Master Mason is not a Master Mason in good standing, and is consequently not eligible to the Chapter degrees until he shall acquire membership in some Lodge of Master Masons. The status of Master Masons is fixed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chapter is in duty bound to recognize and give force and effect to such regulations.'

"In another part of this Address I present for your consideration some thoughts on the question of the relations existing between the governing bodies of the several grades of the York Rite of Masonry, which occurred to me while examining the question embraced in the above decision."

The remarks referred to by the Grand High Priest are as follows, and we commend them to the careful consideration of our readers:—

THE QUESTION OF NON-AFFILIATION.

"I now take occasion to suggest for your consideration a few thoughts which occurred to me while considering the matter embraced in decision No. 4, on the subject of the unaffiliation of Master Masons in their Lodges, and of the proper standing of all such who are members of Chapters in this jurisdiction."

"A brother who has ascended the grades of the York Rite of Masonry owes an allegiance primarily to the symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge; secondarily to the Royal Arch Chapter and to its governing body; and lastly to the Commandery and the Grand Commandery; and the Grand Chapter is in duty bound to recognize the status of every Master Mason as fixed by his Grand Lodge. And if the penalty provided in the constitutions of symbolic Masonry for the non-payment of annual dues

to the subordinate Lodge be suspension, the effect of such suspension must be recognized by the Royal Arch Chapter, and a companion so suspended must lose all his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason during the term of such suspension. There can be no deviation from this rule so long as Royal Arch Masons admit the binding force of their covenants as Master Masons. If the penalty, as provided by the Grand Lodge constitutions, for non-payment of dues be unaffiliation, and the same constitutions fix certain disabilities for non-affiliation, all such regulations should be respected in their full force and effect by all Royal Arch Chapters, and more especially by Grand Chapters.

"It therefore follows that, as the Grand Lodge of New York, by its constitution, as a penalty for non-affiliation for one year or more, forbids a brother thus unaffiliated to visit a Lodge or to join in Masonic processions, the Grand Chapter of New York cannot, in my opinion, too quickly declare by edict or by regulation that the disability thus imposed by the Grand Lodge must attach to Royal Arch Masons in their Chapters who occupy the status of unaffiliation in a symbolic Lodge for one year or more, and they should not be permitted to visit their own or any other Chapter while their status so continues. More especially should this be the rule to apply to those who neglected or refused to discharge the obligations due to their Lodges, and have been unaffiliated as a penalty therefor.

"The government of Masons of the York Rite in the jurisdiction of New York, in all the grades, should be harmonious among the governing bodies, and the Grand Chapter of New York ought not to expect that the Grand Commandery shall recognize the status of Royal Arch Masons as fixed by the Grand Chapter unless the Grand Chapter shall itself recognize the status of Master Masons as fixed by the Grand Lodge.

"It is well known that there are many Masons in the jurisdiction of New York who have used the Lodges and Chapters as stepping-stones to enable them to ascend the Masonic edifice, secure the orders of Knighthood, and enroll themselves in the ranks of Commanderies of Knight Templars, many of whom are not now members of either Lodge or Chapter, and some of whom have been unaffiliated in their Lodges and suspended in their Chapters for non-payment of dues. This state of things is a dark blot upon the fair fame of Masonry in the Empire State, and should be terminated as soon as possible, and the governing bodies should see to it that, by proper regulations governing the whole subject, the future will show a radical correction of the evil.

"This Grand Chapter should do all that lies within its power and authority, consistently with Masonic duty, to exalt the good name and financial prosperity of the Grand Lodge of New York, and in like manner the Grand Commandery of New York should, in obedience to the precepts of Masonic comity and justice, be willing to so construe its law as to fully recognize the status of Royal Arch Masons as fixed by this Grand Chapter, and thereby in a large degree contribute to the prosperity of the Grand Chapter of New York, and at the same time assist in bringing about a state of harmonious co-operation among the governing bodies of our beloved rite in the largest Masonic jurisdiction on this continent."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this and other decisions were referred, presented a majority and a minority report, and, in order that our companions may fully understand the views of both parties, we give the reports entire. The minority report is by the chairman of the Committee, Comp. JOHN W. SIMONS, and is as follows:—

"To the Grand Chapter of New York:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that they have given earnest and careful attention to the matters of law reported by the Grand High Priest in his annual address, and, numbering them in their order as printed, they find that the reported decisions are correct expositions of the law with such exceptions as are herein noted.

"Decision No. 4 is to the effect that an unaffiliated Mason is not a Mason in good standing, and, therefore, under section 53 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, not eligible to the Chapter degrees until he shall have acquired membership in some Lodge of Master Masons. Germane to the subject is a resolution of the Grand Chapter, directing the committee to inquire what constitutes good standing, and what is the effect of unaffiliation.

"On the question here put at issue the committee are hopelessly divided. The majority hold that unaffiliation, when inflicted for non-payment of dues, is a penalty which deprives the brother of good standing and renders him ineligible to Royal Arch Masonry, while a voluntary unaffiliator is not thus affected. This is going farther than the decision of the Grand High Priest, who does not attempt any classification, but includes all unaffiliates as lacking the requisite qualifications for the good standing required by section 53 of our Constitution.

"The minority of the committee, including the Chairman, most earnestly protest that the penalty of unaffiliation for non-payment of dues does not affect the standing of a brother in the Craft until after the lapse of twelve months from the time such penalty is inflicted. Our respected Grand High Priest bases his decision upon the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which is very properly acknowledged as the only authority to fix the status of Master Masons. That instrument provides that a Lodge may enact a by-law providing a penalty for non-payment of dues, which penalty shall be unaffiliation; and it also provides that a brother clear of the books, and against whom no charges are pending, may demand and must be accorded non-affiliation. In the minds of a portion of the committee there appears to be a distinction between a voluntary and a compulsory unaffiliate; but the Grand Lodge Constitution makes no distinction; section 42 says: 'Any unaffiliated Mason remaining for one year or more within this jurisdiction shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge,' etc. The minority of the committee most distinctly and emphatically deny the right of any man, or body of men, to give a direction to the law of the Grand Lodge not warranted by the text itself. The law does not inquire how or why a brother has become unaffiliated, but, being in that condition, it gives all alike a term of grace within which to redeem the disability, whether voluntary or the result of failure to comply with the by-laws. It is respectfully submitted that this committee, or the Grand Chapter itself, has no authority to amend or construe the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and hence whatever is decided can only be a matter of opinion; and, therefore, the most simple way out of the difficulty would be for the Grand Chapter to so amend its Constitution as to forbid Chapters from receiving the petition of any brother not in actual affiliation with a Lodge at the time his petition is presented.

"Decision No. 10 is to the effect that a Chapter in this State cannot in any way lawfully act upon the petition of a non-resident without the consent of the Chapter nearest his place of residence. Our Constitution only forbids the conferring of the degrees on non-residents without consent; hence, the preliminary steps being of no avail unless such consent is given before proceeding to confer any degree, it is suggested that no law is violated by the petition and ballot, and that it were better to make the point where the law puts it, that is at the conferring of the Mark degree.

"Decision No. 13, touching the status of Chapter members who are at the same time members of Lodges in Connecticut, has received most earnest consideration, with the conclusion that the matter had better be left to the conscience of the companions than the fray more embroiled by a distinct regulation of the Grand Chapter.

"Decision No. 14 declares that an unaffiliated companion is not competent to prefer charges against a Royal Arch Mason. This is doubtless correct in principle, but the Code (section 6) says that 'Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing may prefer a complaint,' etc. It is recommended that the Code be amended so that section 6 shall read, 'Any affiliated Royal Arch Mason,' etc.

"Decision No. 16 presents another oversight in the Code of Procedure. Section 48 requires that counsel in a trial shall be a Mason; but it is evident that as matters not lawfully within the knowledge of a Master Mason might be under discussion during a trial, the counsel should be a Royal Arch Mason, and it is recommended that the Code be amended to that effect.

"Decision No. 17 decides that where a candidate has petitioned a Chapter, been rejected, and subsequently removes to the jurisdiction of another Chapter, a third Chapter, willing to receive him, must first obtain the consent of both Chapters.

"From this decision your committee are obliged to dissent. It is the universal law of Masonry in this country that the rejection of a petition gives the rejecting body exclusive jurisdiction over the petitioner; and it is therefore impossible that any Lodge, or Chapter, as the case may be, can obtain territorial, or any other jurisdiction, over a candidate thus situated. He is not a profane, who must apply to the Lodge nearest his place of residence, but material belonging only to the rejecting organization. Moreover, it is held that the rejecting Lodge cannot execute a general release of jurisdiction, but only to some particular body named, and in this there is no place for any but the rejecting Lodge itself.

"The Grand High Priest requests the opinion of this committee on the case of a companion residing in this State and representing another Grand Chapter near this, but who is not now and never has been a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction. No argument is required. The position should be declared vacant, and some affiliated companion named to the place.

"A question referred to us is, in effect, where a Mason, rejected on his application for the Chapter degrees, goes to another and distant Chapter, and, wilfully concealing the fact of his rejection, obtains the degrees and then takes a dimit. The facts coming to light, the rejecting Chapter tried and expelled him for obtaining the degrees under false pretenses. The question is then asked: 'Has the rejecting Chapter any claim for the fees on the Chapter that innocently made him a Royal Arch Mason?' We decide that it has, to the extent of the fee it would have received had the candidate been made instead of rejected."

The majority and minority reports, it will be seen, refer only to the fourth decision; upon other questions the committee were unanimous.

"The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence being under consideration, Comp. CHARLES W. CAMP offered the following as a substitute for the first conclusion of the committee, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter sustains the decision of the Grand High Priest, that an unaffiliated Master Mason is not in good standing."

"On motion of Comp. AUSTIN the tenth decision of the Grand High Priest was substituted for the second conclusion of the committee.

"The third conclusion of the committee, respecting the thirteenth decision of the Grand High Priest, was approved.

"The fourteenth decision of the Grand High Priest, denying the right of an unaffiliated companion to prefer charges against a Royal Arch Mason, was adopted in place of the recommendation of the committee.

"The recommendation of the committee, to amend the Code of Procedure so that in all trials counsel must be a Royal Arch Mason, was adopted.

"Decision No. 17, as reported in the Address of the Grand High Priest, was substituted for the sixth conclusion of the committee.

"The recommendation of the committee in regard to the representative of a Grand Chapter not a member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, was approved.

"The report of the committee, as amended, was then adopted.

"Comp. MORRISON, of the same committee, submitted the following in reference to decision No. 4, of the Grand High Priest:—

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:*

"In reference to decision No. 4, of the Grand High Priest, I feel constrained, after reading the argument presented by the chairman, whose views are those of the minority on this question, to present my individual views, which I believe are shared, partially at least, by the majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

"The question involved is, Does unaffiliation under the present law of the Grand Lodge impair the good standing of a Master Mason?

"The good standing of a Mason depends on his relations—1st, to the Craft; 2d, to his Lodge.

"If a brother fails to perform his duty, so as to bring upon himself the disciplinary action of Masonic law for the commission of a crime, or to subject him to any penalty known to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge prescribed for the non-payment of dues, his Masonic standing is impaired. For non-payment of dues the Grand Lodge of the State of New York has prescribed that there may be a penalty, and that the penalty shall be unaffiliation, as for the failure to perform the duty prescribed by the By-laws of the Lodge, and at the moment of unaffiliation for this cause a Mason's good standing is lost. The member who will not pay his dues is driven out of his affiliation. A penalty is thus imposed which has incidents other than those recited in section 42: He must clear himself of the cloud which rests upon his record as a Master Mason before he can be in all respects a free Mason—before, for instance, he can affiliate with a Lodge. A brother who becomes unaffiliated by his own act is not under a penalty, and for one year at least his standing as a Mason is not impaired.

"As a consequence of these propositions, a brother unaffiliated for non-payment of dues, not being in good standing, cannot be received as a candidate for the Chapter degrees.

"A brother dropped from the roll of his Lodge, at his own request, may for one year thereafter be accepted as a candidate for the Capitular degrees."

The tenth decision, referred to above, is as follows:—

"10. On April 12th, 1880, in response to an inquiry of M^r. E. JAMES E. TOMPKINS, Past High Priest of Mount Zion Chapter, No. 231, whether or not a Chapter in New York could lawfully ballot upon the petition of a candidate residing in Jersey City, prior to obtaining the consent of the Chapter nearest to the residence of the candidate, I decided that a Chapter in New York could not in any way lawfully act upon the petition of a candidate residing outside of its own territorial jurisdiction, without first obtaining the consent of the Chapter having jurisdiction over the place of the candidate's residence."

The thirteenth decision, also referred to, is as follows:—

"What is the status of a Royal Arch Mason, a member of a Chapter in New York, who is a member of a Lodge in Connecticut, in view of the edict of the Grand Lodge in New York, forbidding Masonic intercourse with Masons hailing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut?"

"This question gave me more embarrassment than any other that I have been asked to pass upon; but after a careful examination of all the considerations in-

volved, I decided that a member of a Chapter in New York, who is also a member of a Lodge in Connecticut, should be denied admission to the Convocations of his Chapter so long as the Grand Lodge edict of non-intercourse shall continue in force, and the companion continue to hold his membership in the Connecticut Lodge.

"I held that every Master Mason owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New York is in duty bound by his covenant to obey its edicts or those of the Grand Master; and his covenant should be observed as conscientiously in the parlors and upper stories of the Masonic edifice, as in the basement or reception rooms. It requires seven degrees to make a Royal Arch Mason, three of these degrees are conferred by a body of Masons over which Royal Arch Chapters or Grand Chapters have not the slightest control. We, as Royal Arch Masons, build our part of the edifice on a foundation which may be removed without our consent, and if removed the whole structure must fall. The advancement of a brother in a Chapter to the degree of Royal Arch, never did, and never will relieve him from the obligations voluntarily assumed in a Lodge of Master Masons. So long as he holds his membership in his Lodge he is subject to the edicts of the Grand Lodge or those of the Grand Master, and if such edicts disable him in the higher Grades of Masonry he must quietly submit or violate his covenant. The executive of every Grand Chapter is subject to the jurisdiction of his symbolic Lodge, and he may therein be expelled for un-Masonic conduct; and, if lawfully expelled, the gavel of authority of his Grand Chapter falls from his hands, and he ceases to be recognized as even a Royal Arch Mason. These propositions, which I deem to be incontrovertible, guided me in making the decision which I have rendered in this difficult question, to the end that I might protect the rights of the great mass of the members of the Chapters of this State, said Chapters being composed almost exclusively of Masons owing true allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New York."

Decision No. 14:—

"On July 12th, 1880, charges of un-Masonic conduct were preferred to me by an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason against a member of a Chapter in the city of New York. I refused to entertain the charges, and in dismissing them I decided: That an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason has no standing which will entitle him to prefer charges of un-Masonic conduct against any Royal Arch Mason, and that the Grand High Priest has no constitutional right to appoint a commission to hear, try, and determine charges preferred by a companion who is not in full membership in some Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Decision No. 17:—

"In January, 1877, Bro. A., a Master Mason, residing in the city of Brooklyn, petitioned a Chapter in that city for the degrees, and was rejected. A few months afterwards he changed his residence to the village of Yonkers. In January, 1880, while still residing in Yonkers, he petitioned a Chapter in the city of New York. On this statement of facts the question was asked: To which Chapter—the one in Brooklyn or the one in Yonkers—should the New York Chapter apply for consent to act upon the petition of Bro. A.?

"My decision was that the consent of both Chapters was required to give jurisdiction to the Chapter in New York. The Brooklyn Chapter having personal jurisdiction over the candidate by reason of having rejected his petition, and the Yonkers Chapter having territorial jurisdiction over his residence.

"I also decided, as incidental to the same subject, that neither the Chapter in Brooklyn nor the Chapter in Yonkers could lawfully act upon the petition of the candidate without the consent of the other."

The Grand Chapter approved the report of the committee relative to the unaffiliated representative of Connecticut, and a vacancy in the diplomatic corps was thus created.

By the foregoing decisions and their approval New York has placed herself squarely upon the record against the evil of non-affiliation. Let Maine and Massachusetts take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

An invitation to visit the Albany county Penitentiary was accepted. Comp. Simons, it is said, extended the invitation in the words of the old familiar hymn:

"Ye living men come view the ground
Where you must shortly lie."

The finances of this Grand Chapter appear to be in a rather shaky condition, as, by the report of the committee, it appears that the disbursements for the past year had exceeded the receipts by about two thousand dollars; and, with a view to re-

trenchment, the salary of the Grand Secretary was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,200 *per annum*. This, for a jurisdiction having nearly two hundred and seventy-five Chapters, seems entirely inadequate to the amount of labor necessary to be performed.

Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN presented, as usual, a full and interesting Report on Correspondence, and California is the recipient of sundry handsome compliments, for which we return our thanks.

Of Comp. SPAULDING's Address he says:—

"The Address of the Grand High Priest, M^r. E^r. NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, is a strictly business paper, interlarded with some plain talk, which, quite as much as the matter of more detail, is the highest type of excellence for a Grand High Priest, who is placed as a light and a guide to the Royal Craft in all the jurisdiction over which he is called to preside. We give the following as a specimen of the highest quality of duty conscientiously discharged. There is something so truly Masonic in the sentiments enunciated and admonitions given that we feel glad to commend them here, and spread them on the record to be read throughout our jurisdiction."

Of our report he speaks thus kindly:—

"Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL again presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a paper well considered and full of interest and information. He agrees to disagree with Comp. ROBERTSON, of Canada, on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, and the effect upon the members and the Chapters. The rule and practice in Canada differs from that of most if not all the Chapters in the States. Expulsion in the Blue Lodge, even, has been held not to disturb the membership in the Chapter, on the ground that, being an independent body, it is not affected by any action of the Lodge. Heretofore New York has held a medium ground, viz.: that suspension or striking from the roll for non-payment of dues did not affect the membership in the Chapter, but did, for other causes, suspend in the Chapter as well as in the Lodge; but, in the revised Constitution it is now declared (Sec. 39): 'The membership of any companion in a Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended in the Lodge to which he belongs.' This constitutional provision of course settles the question in this jurisdiction. Yet Canada remains independent, and the Craft will of course have their own opinion as to which is right. Although we of New York differ with our neighbors over the border, we shall not permit the difference to interfere with our cordial good understanding, nor to at all interrupt our friendly relations.

"On the subject of the Cryptic degrees Comp. CASWELL has a tilt with Comp. GURNEY, of Illinois, who defended the action of his Grand Chapter in taking charge of those degrees. We think the Californian has the best of the argument. The following covers the points and has our approval."

He then quotes our arguments on that question. It is gratifying to know that our opinions are endorsed by a Mason of Comp. OGDEN's learning and experience.

In concluding his review of California he says:—

"Comp. CASWELL does not fully agree with us in all respects, but in the main we do agree, or, differing, do not lose our respect and fraternal feeling for each other. Honest differences of opinion will exist, and a fair and candid discussion on the subject is a needful and profitable duty, eliciting truth, and often leading to a good understanding and agreement."

Words true as were ever spoken; and where differences of opinion arise and are discussed in such a spirit, mutual respect and esteem are never endangered.

Under the head of Ireland and Scotland, he says:—

"In foreign jurisdictions where the Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degree are not conferred, and which now embraces all of Great Britain, as we understand it, the question of the right of their members to visit Chapters in this country has excited discussion and inquiry. In 1877 a correspondence took place with representative Masons of the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, also with THOMAS J. CONSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. The following rule of the General Grand Chapter of the United States seems to settle the question in a manner that ought to satisfy all of every nationality. Thirty-four of the thirty-nine Grand Chapters of the United States acknowledge the binding force of the General Grand Chapter, and would, of course, without charge or delay, heal any member from a foreign country. Of the other five who do not recognize the General Grand Chapter, Comp. CONSON said by correspondence he learned that Rhode Island and Texas would follow the rule adopted by the General Grand Chapter; that in Virginia and West Virginia the visiting member

would be allowed to sit in the Lodge when the degrees which he had received were worked. Sections 5 and 6, of Article III of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, U. S., are as follows:

"That any worthy companion, from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such companions (who have not heretofore received them) to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

"That the subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor."

"In Pennsylvania, the member desiring to be admitted as a visitor, who had not received the Past Master's degree, would have to receive and pay for such degree before he could be admitted as a visitor in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

"By the above it will be seen that on this side of the great deep, where so many of our brethren and companions from the other side come, all things have been made ready and easy for their recognition, visitation, and companionship. We freely give to them the right hand of fellowship, and impart, without fee or charge, the additional light we possess."

The Rev. Comp. JAMES BYRON MURRAY, Grand Chaplain, delivered a learned, eloquent, and interesting address upon the "Being and Attributes of God." We have only room for one brief quotation:—

"The mystery which surrounds man's knowledge of God is often given as a reason for the denial of His Being; but to deny, because man cannot understand or comprehend, is to be false to the deductions of the profoundest reason, and to be mentally blind to facts. Man measures God's nature by his own—by his own limitations—and so fails to apprehend the Divine Nature. He forgets that he cannot fully understand the objects around him. He cannot penetrate into the mystery; he cannot weigh the principles of those things which move in the circle of his own knowledge. There is always some subtlety which in its finest essence escapes his mental vision; some depth of being which reason or imagination cannot fathom. The human understanding is hemmed in by boundaries over which it cannot go; and the most familiar things in the great world of animal or vegetable life have their mysteries so fine, so delicate, so exquisitely secret, that the mind is powerless to comprehend them. To understand mystery, therefore, is to assume that man has a faculty to know the essence of being, and the constitution of the manifold phenomena of the universe; and as the outward creation is a marvel and mystery to man, so is man to himself. The union of body, soul, and spirit, which constitutes each individual in our corporate humanity, is as much an unknowable thing as the principles of nature. The law by which the mind and body act and react on each other, or by which a spiritual substance can influence matter, is something which cannot be explained by the grandest research of the profoundest philosophy; and as man's own nature transcends his power to comprehend, he cannot with reason complain if He who made the worlds in all their beauty and varied form should be above and beyond the power of man to understand, for God is the mystery of all mysteries."

The returns of one hundred and ninety Chapters show an aggregate membership of 15,276.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the town of Asheville on the thirty-first day of May, 1881,—the M. E. C. M. VAN ORSBELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DONALD W. BAIN being Grand Secretary. Thirteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

Owing to the illness of the Grand High Priest, he was unable to complete his Address, but promised to do so, and forward it to the Grand Secretary for publication with the proceedings. Continued ill health, however, prevented the fulfillment of his promise, and we are deprived of an opportunity to comment upon his views and opinions.

A very full report from the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. JAMES SOUTHWARTZ, consoles us in a measure for the loss of the Address. He seems to be a live man among the tombs, and now that he has been elected Grand High Priest, we

confidently expect to hear of an awakening among the dry bones in this jurisdiction. In reference to the General Grand Chapter, Comp. SOUTHGATE says:—

“The new Constitution differs from our own in some points, and it may be well to revise and make ours conform to that of the General Grand Chapter, inasmuch as we have been obligated, as Royal Arch Masons, to support its laws, rules, and regulations. A few points of difference may be noted. We have been taught that a Chapter under dispensation had but few rights, and existed as a creature of the Grand High Priest for the time being, and yet the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter declares ‘that Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation.’ Our Constitution seems to be silent on this point. I call special attention to section 42, of this new Constitution, which reads thus: ‘When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a stated Convocation or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.’ In this jurisdiction no Chapter can be convened and opened unless the High Priest, King, or Scribe be present. Our Constitution should contain the additional provision, that it may conform to the above.”

The ill health of the Grand High Priest had prevented the division of the State into districts for visitation, as contemplated by a resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation; but Comp. SOUTHGATE had made some effort to learn the condition of some of the dormant Chapters in his vicinity, which resulted in a most discouraging outlook. In one Chapter there were but four Royal Arch Masons who could answer a summons; all the active members had either died or moved away; no meeting had been held for more than two years, and there was no hope that one would ever be held again. Comp. SOUTHGATE says:—

“If anything can bring up Capitular Masonry in our State from the lethargy which, like a cloud, seems to rest upon it, the system of Grand Visitations must, and to accomplish this will require some expenditure of time and means on the part of your Grand Officers.”

We sincerely hope that the spirit of enthusiasm will enter in at the *South-gate* and rouse our companions of North Carolina from their Rip Van Winkle slumbers.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$130.60.

The charter fee for a new Chapter was reduced from ninety dollars to fifty, the General Grand Chapter having left the matter discretionary with the State Grand Chapters.

The returns from seventeen subordinate Chapters show an aggregate membership of 642; which, with the estimated number of non-affiliated and non-returned, make the total 867.

The *M. E.* JAMES SOUTHGATE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* DONALD W. BAIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Halifax on the first day of June, 1880,—the *R. E.* GEORGE T. SMITHERS, Grand King, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES GOSSIP being Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest was prevented by illness from attending the Convocation, and his Address was read by the Grand Secretary.

He represents the Chapters to be in a fair condition, considering the general depression, and thinks that when a Chapter holds its own from year to year in such times there is reason to hope for a good time coming.

Nothing of general interest transpired during the Convocation.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Halifax on the thirty-first day of May, 1881,—the *M. E.* LORENZO F. DARLING, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES GOSSIP being Grand Secretary. Five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address says:—

"Companions, it is to us a theme for thankfulness and congratulation that, while other countries have been the scene of dissension and strife, this 'fair Acadia of ours' has been the abode of prosperity and plenty, and that peace and quietness have prevailed within our borders. And we would especially congratulate ourselves, companions, not only on the general prosperity of this Grand Chapter, but also on that fraternal and harmonious spirit and feeling which exists among us as Royal Arch Masons at the present time, and that our relations with all other Grand Chapters throughout the world are of the most friendly character."

He announces the death of the Rev. Companion HENRY PRYOR ALMON, Grand Chaplain, and a mourning page is inscribed to his memory.

He reports that the working of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction had been so nearly perfect and harmonious as to render his official duties exceedingly light and pleasant; but he suggests that a little more determination and energy on the part of the High Priests and officers of some of the Chapters would not be without good effects.

He regrets that the state of the finances did not warrant the re-opening of Correspondence Reports, and earnestly recommends that these reports be resumed in the next proceedings.

The newly elected Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. GEORGE T. SMITHERS, presents a brief Report on Correspondence, which gives abundant evidence of his ability to excel in this line if the financial restriction can be removed. He announces his advent in the reportorial ring as follows:—

"Although no report was presented at the Annual Convocation by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, it has been deemed advisable by the Committee of General Purposes for this year that, in issuing these proceedings, some reference should be made to the doings of Royal Arch Masonry in other jurisdictions, and have therefore delegated the task of so doing to the writer.

"Since the cessation of our reports in 1875-76 our companions in Nova Scotia have been to a great extent deprived of the knowledge of many subjects of interest engaging the attention of the Royal Craft elsewhere. We have had to be content to simply acknowledge receipt of the proceedings to hand, year by year, and now take the present opportunity of thanking our sister jurisdictions *en bloc* for the courtesies so generally extended to us, and the fraternal notice given of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province.

"The large number of proceedings accumulated in five or six years, and which have only lately come to the hands of the Chairman, preclude the possibility of attempting a systematic review; in fact, with about two hundred and fifty volumes before us, we have concluded that life is too short to think of even doing more than commencing to read the mass of proceedings in our possession.

"We intend, however, in the *interim*, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest much that will be interesting, and endeavor, after making a fresh start with the above this year, to give a fuller attention in a report to Grand Chapter in June, 1882.

"The few lines written, or any comments made, are not to be considered as authoritative, but merely the remarks of the writer, who can only add that his being in the outer darkness of ignorance for five years, as regards the subjects discussed, has enabled him the better to discern the light, especially as his own candle was out in the meantime.

"It is a source of great pleasure to renew a reportorial acquaintance with many whose names 'lang syne' were familiar to us as household words."

Let us hope that no "pent up" treasury may "contract his powers," but leave him free to scatter intellectual flowers. California for 1881 receives kindly notice, and we mentally reach across the 'Rockies,' *smile*, and shake.

Under the head of Missouri we find the following neat bit of satire:—

"The Grand Chapter of Colorado expresses sorrow, justifies Missouri, and recommends that the offensive portion of the correspondence relating to African Masonry be expunged from the record." All proper, enough, but we cannot see how a record made and published all over the continent can be expunged. Unfortunately, it is on the record in *black and white*.

"We have the honor to be 'the ornamental gentleman' (*vide Ohio, 1880*) who represents Missouri here, and are proud to be so. We know that the duties of Grand Representatives are not clearly defined. There has been one or two raids made to 'rope them in' as amateur Foreign Correspondents, without much success; but it is *too bad* that a 'professional' who happens to disagree with or offend Grand Chapter

he represents should be *disciplined*. However, the matter is settled by the appointment of a new representative, Companion JUDSON E. COLE, whose name, we trust, will not give offense."

The returns from eleven subordinate Chapters show an aggregate membership of 435.

The *M. E.* JAMES GOSSIP was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE T. SMITHERS was elected Grand Secretary, and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

OHIO.

The sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Toledo on the twenty-first day of September, 1881,—the *M. E.* JAMES B. HOVEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES NESSIT being Grand Secretary. One hundred and thirty-nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, after congratulating his companions upon the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in Ohio, proceeds at once to business, and loses no time in rhetorical gymnastics. He granted two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and denied the request of sundry companions for a like favor for reasons not specified. We like the ring of the following:—

"March 5, I received a telegram from Fremont, Ohio, asking for dispensation for *Fremont* Chapter, No. 64, to appear in public procession to receive ex-President R. B. HAYES. I declined to grant their request."

This is a specimen of vertebral rigidity seldom noted in the genus Grand High Priest, and ought to be passed around for general inspection.

The Committee on Jurisprudence considered the following questions:—

"The High Priest of a Chapter, shortly after his election and installation, moves with his family out of the State permanently, but does not change his membership in the Chapter.

"1. Can he return temporarily and assume the duties of his office?

"2. Can he give his proxy, to be represented in the Grand Chapter, to any member of the Chapter?

"3. Should he give his proxy to any companion but the King, can the companion holding the proxy take precedence over the King in the Grand Chapter, and draw the mileage and per diem?"

They reported that:—

"1. An officer of a Chapter who has been installed cannot resign, neither can he be dimitted until the expiration of the term for which he was elected. It follows, then, that the High Priest retains his position and powers as such until the expiration of the term for which he was elected.

"2. Section 11, Article I, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, provides, among other things, that the High Priest, King, and Scribe of the subordinate Chapters, who are not present, may be represented by their proxies duly constituted and appointed. The right, then, to appoint a proxy, is one of the powers appertaining to the office of High Priest of a Chapter, and cannot be lost by the removal without the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter until the expiration of the time for which the High Priest was elected.

"3. Section 12, of the By-laws of the Grand Chapter, provides: 'That the representatives of each Chapter, collectively, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter, for each day's attendance upon the Grand Chapter, three dollars and seventy-five cents for every twenty-five miles going to and returning therefrom,' etc. Under this provision no one of the representatives of a Chapter takes precedence of another, but the amount paid to them must be divided equally between the representatives, whether in person or by proxy in attendance, unless they agree among themselves to a different distribution."

These are some of the complications growing out of the ridiculous doctrine that an installed officer cannot resign. We have, in previous reports, fully argued the question, and do not care to go over the ground again; but the absurd situations which might possibly arise from such cases as the foregoing will readily suggest themselves.

The following decisions were approved:—

"1. A Master Mason who had petitioned a Chapter for advancement, and had been elected to receive the M. M. degree, removed to another State, and thereafter applied for permission to withdraw his petition, and asked for a return of the fees; to this the Chapter consented, provided it should be held not unlawful. Held: That the Chapter could, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, permit the withdrawal of petition, the relinquishment of jurisdiction, and the return of the fees.

"2. That the By-laws of a Chapter take effect upon their approval by the Grand Chapter.

"3. That a companion can file written objection to an applicant becoming a member of the Chapter.

"4. That a brother who has been rejected by an unfavorable ballot may petition the Chapter again at any subsequent meeting.

"5. That it is the duty of the High Priest to submit the ballot to the King and Scribe for their inspection before announcing the result.

"6. That a rejected brother cannot be lawfully received in another Chapter without the consent of the Chapter rejecting him.

"7. That a committee can lawfully report upon a petition at the same evening it is received. The Chapter would not, however, be permitted to ballot thereon until it had laid over from one stated meeting to another, except in conformity to Rule 21 of the Chapter Code.

"8. That a non-affiliated Master Mason is not eligible to be received in a Chapter.

"9. That when a member is under suspension for non-payment of dues, and his residence is not known, charges may be preferred against him for un-Masonic conduct, in improperly failing to pay dues, and notice served upon him in pursuance of Rule 35.

"10. That a companion must have a dimit from his Chapter before he can be received into another Chapter.

"11. That a white ball and black cube are not improper ballots.

"12. And that a companion in good standing in his Chapter is eligible to any office therein, although he may be living in another State."

Of these decisions, Nos. 4, 8, 9, and 12, are not in accordance with our California practice. Here, a rejected candidate must wait six months before he can again petition for the degrees, unless a dispensation be obtained. A non-affiliated Master Mason is eligible to the Chapter degrees, provided he is in good standing under our law. A member under suspension for non-payment of dues is not charged with un-Masonic conduct on account of that delinquency, but is given the privilege of restoring himself at any time by paying all arrears; and a permanent removal from the jurisdiction vacates any office.

Mourning pages are inscribed to the memory of Comps. JAMES A. GARFIELD and FLAVINS J. PHILLIPS, late Grand Treasurer, and eloquent eulogies are given upon their lives and characters, as men and Masons.

Comp. THOMAS J. MELISH presents a very full and interesting Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Capital Grand Bodies, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. In his review of California, for 1881, he says:—

"The peace and prosperity of the State were also seen in the Grand Chapter, which had presented no disturbing questions to the Grand High Priest. He speaks of the formation of the General Grand Council, and predicts that its wisdom will untie the Gordian knot twisted up by his own and other Grand Jurisdictions in consolidating Council with Chapter; in other words, by the Councils handing over their affairs to the Chapter to administer upon."

We wish Comp. MELISH and all others to understand that California is in no wise responsible for any "Gordian" or other knot that may have been tied, so far as the merging plan is concerned. The only action taken by our Grand Chapter in the matter was, in connection with the Grand Council, to ask the General Grand Chapter so to amend its Constitution as to permit the union. The General Grand Chapter declined, and that "let us out." Thus ended California's connection with the "Mississippi plan." Our Grand Council was never dissolved, but has held its Annual Assemblies uninterruptedly; our subordinate Councils are as prosperous as the average, and we do not propose to write *hic jacet* over any of them.

For the following handsome compliment, we doff our beaver and make our low-

"We could fill pages from this excellent report which discusses with intelligence and ability every topic of Capitalular interest."

Under the head of "District of Columbia" Comp. MELISH strikes the nail square on the head and drives it home. He says:—

"Comp. LARNER also presents his view of the action of the General Grand Chapter upon the merger of the Council degrees, which differs from the construction we put upon it in supposing that the Grand Chapters are at liberty to work the Council degrees, if they please. We do not so understand it. Suppose a Grand Lodge should pass an enactment that no degrees are legitimate in the subordinate Lodges but the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, would any Lodge be at liberty to confer the Eastern Star?"

Respectfully referred to our Companions of Nebraska, with power to act.

And again under the head of Iowa:—

"When this is all simmered down it just amounts to this: that because the General Grand Chapter authorized the Council degrees to be conferred in Chapters from 1829 to 1853, *but repealed the privilege then, judging it to be injurious to the interests of the Craft*—therefore the General Grand Chapter is responsible for the present confusion! This is queer reasoning. The action of the General Grand Chapter in 1853 shows that that body disavowed all rightful control over the Cryptic degrees, and its action in 1880 reaffirmed the same principle, viz.: that the General Grand Chapter, and its affiliated bodies, should have nothing to do with the Cryptic degrees any more than they have with the grades of the Scottish Rite. The Cryptic bodies have determined that they will not die, and that means that the mergement theory will die. Iowa will live to see a Grand Council yet. The political doctrine of 'States rights,' or State independence, is not a healthy thing for the harmony of Freemasonry."

We are sorry indeed to lose so able and genial a writer from the reportorial ranks; but, judging from his valedictory, there is no hope of retaining him. He thus concludes an excellent report:—

"And now, companions of the reportorial corps, we have had a pleasant companionship and exchange of ideas during the last four years in which I have served with you in this capacity. But the pressure of other professional engagements admonishes me that I must discontinue this service: and so, although I was again honored by the Grand Chapter of Ohio with a re-appointment, I felt it a duty to decline it. I am most happy, in retiring, to have the task assigned to our eminent companion, J. KELLY O'NEALL, as my successor. He will certainly bring to the task more ability, and I hope, also, more time. And so, good by."

And so we "speed the parting, and welcome the coming guest:" Good-bye, MELISH; welcome, O'NEALL.

There are one hundred and forty-four subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 8809.

The M. E. DANIEL A. SCOTT was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JAMES NESBITT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Portland on the tenth day of June, 1881,—the M. E. DAVID P. MASON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. R. P. EARNHART being Grand Secretary. Fifteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address says:—

"The year just ended has been one of concord and universal harmony among the Chapters and companions, and no discord or contention has arisen which has not been readily reconciled, and no cause of grievance is known to exist which requires the action of this Grand Body."

His official duties had been very light, and he had been called upon to decide no points of Masonic law. Peace and prosperity prevailed, and the general outlook was cheering. He had granted two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters. In conclusion he says:—

"Especially would I urge upon you the necessity of purging your Chapters of every vice and immorality that so frequently creep in when we least expect them."

Remind your companions of the obligations which they have voluntarily assumed, and exact a fulfillment of the same. Ask them this question: 'What shall be said of men who have vowed most solemnly to practice all the virtues, and yet make no effort to control either their appetites or passions, and continually disregard Masonic tenets and principles, and scorn both reproof and discipline?'"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$680.59.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That hereafter a petition for a charter shall be made in writing, and signed by all charter members of the Chapter, who shall hold an election before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and designate who they desire for the three principal offices, and the names so designated shall be inserted in the charter if approved by the Grand Chapter."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the famous Sec. 35 of the Constitution, which permitted the Grand High Priest to jerk a companion out of his Masonic boots without warning or trial, presented a majority and a minority report. The majority report is as follows:—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Section No. 35 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, have had the same under consideration, and would beg leave to report that Section No. 35, as it now stands, in our opinion, invests the Grand High Priest with a power unwarranted by Masonic law, by giving him the power of suspending a Royal Arch Mason without a trial or hearing, thereby depriving him of a vested right that we think should not be denied him; and we therefore report the following amendment in lieu thereof: 'The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases, have the power to suspend from the official functions of his office any officer of the Grand or subordinate Chapter for gross unmasonic conduct, and to arrest the charter of any Chapter which neglects or refuses to enforce Masonic discipline for unmasonic conduct.'"

The minority report is signed by Comp. J. B. CONGLE, and is as follows:—

"The minority of your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question as to the constitutionality of Section 35, adopted at our last Annual Convocation, would report that he disagrees with the views of the majority of the committee when they declare 'it invests a High Priest with a power unwarranted by Masonic law.' The majority of the Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Convocation, after general discussion, approved this amendment, and I can see no good reason why this section should not remain as it is. If, however, it is deemed best to modify the section, I would recommend the following for adoption, to wit:

"SECTION 35. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases of urgent necessity, discipline any Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction for all unmasonic conduct, and shall immediately cause charges to be preferred and the companion placed on trial for such unmasonic conduct. He shall also have the power to suspend any High Priest or to arrest a charter for the repeated failure and refusal to enforce Masonic law."

The majority report was adopted by a two-thirds vote, and thus Oregon has wiped that blot from her statute book. The committee also submitted the following report, which bears rather heavily on those who commit the crime of selling liquor at retail, but for those who furnish it at wholesale there is no word of condemnation:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a resolution making it the duty of the High Priest of subordinate Chapters to enforce standing resolution No. 21, report that we have examined said resolution, and we recommend that standing resolution No. 2 be amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

"SECTION 2. *Resolved*, That the habit of using profane language, or of using violent and abusive language concerning a companion, and that of intemperance in the use of strong drink, or engaging in the keeping of a saloon and retailing spirituous or malt liquors, or of indulging in the practice of gambling, by Royal Arch Masons is in violation of the regulations of Royal Arch Masonry and discredit to the Craft; and it shall be the duty of every Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction to report any violation of this resolution which may have come to his knowledge to the High Priest of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the offending companion resides, and immediately thereafter it shall be the duty of said High Priest to notify such offending companion in writing to immediately cease such violation; *provided, however*, that if such offense shall be in keeping a saloon and retailing spirituous or malt liquors, the High Priest shall notify him in writing to close out such business within

the period of six months next following the time of giving notice as aforesaid; and if such offending companion refuses or neglects to comply with the terms of such notice the High Priest shall cause charges to be preferred in his Chapter against such offending companion, and thereupon he shall be tried and punished for unmasonic conduct."

Standing Resolution No. 8, relative to affiliation, was amended by adding thereto the following:—

"*Provided, however,* That this rule shall not apply when the inability to comply with the foregoing is manifest as in the event of an application for affiliation having been refused by the symbolic Lodge within whose jurisdiction such non-affiliating companion may reside; but, provided, further, that such companion shall maintain his good standing by paying Grand Lodge dues."

We do not think that the mere payment of Grand Lodge dues should be held sufficient to keep a brother in good standing in such a case. He ought to pay to some subordinate Lodge a sum equivalent to its monthly dues during all the time he remains in its jurisdiction, which course removes all pecuniary inducement to non-affiliation. Such is the law in California, and it is very discouraging to those who would obtain all the privileges of the Chapter and Commandery and shirk their duties to the Lodge.

Standing Resolution No. 9 was amended to read as follows:—

"*Resolved,* That subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction shall produce their original records of proceedings, or certified copy of the same, at each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter; and if any Chapters shall fail to produce such record or copy thereof the representatives of such Chapter shall not be permitted to take part in the business transactions of this Grand Chapter until such records or copy is produced."

What a jolly time the New York Committee on Returns would have—with two hundred and seventy-five Chapters—under such a regulation.

Comp. PATTON gives us a Report on Correspondence in his happiest style—one hundred and thirty-seven pages, and every one with something on it. His review includes the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, and also those of the General Grand Chapter. He gives, as usual, a general review of the various subjects which agitate the different jurisdictions, and first on the list we find "Suspension from or deprivation of membership as practiced in Maine and Massachusetts;" "Is it a *bona fide* suspension?"

Under this head Comp. PATTON says:—

"A short time since we presented for your consideration, the question 'whether suspension for non-payment of dues was a *bona fide* suspension?'"

"We were prompted then, as now, to the consideration of the question by reason of the determined efforts on the part of a few distinguished Masons to establish the doctrine that a Mason *suspended* for non-payment of dues is only *suspended 'from membership,'* and that his relations with the craft were in no manner affected thereby.

"The doctrine thus sought to be engrafted into the masonic code, was so obnoxious, so repugnant to preconceived ideas of right, as well as established law and usage, that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the exercise of her constitutional right, made declaration, and adopted the following resolution, which we presented in our last report, and again reproduce for the convenience of reference on this occasion:

"*WHEREAS,* Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member of good standing in the same, with all the rights and privileges; and

"*WHEREAS,* This Grand Chapter desires emphatically to declare the foregoing to be a violation of masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons;

"Therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, be directed to require of visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever, neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

"This action, on the part of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, met the approval of our companions in California, and resulted in the adoption of a similar preamble and resolution.

"The joint action of these two grand jurisdictions expressed in such prompt and decisive terms, seems to have aroused the indignation of certain correspondents. Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, seems to take the matter seriously to heart, and denounces the act as 'a gross blunder,'—that 'it states what is not true,' and 'is grossly insulting to other Grand Chapters.' Comp. DADMUN, of Massachusetts, seems to be affected in the same manner. He declares in bold and emphatic terms, that the preamble 'is equivocal;' that 'it is not true' that several Chapters have so declared, as set forth in preamble.

"The declaration of these parties have a very positive ring about them, yet it is quite evident that one or the other is at fault in this controversy. Comp. DRUMMOND, in his review of Pennsylvania for the current year, not only reiterates his former statements, but declares in emphatic terms that:

"No Grand Chapter in the United States has declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues is not suspended in his Chapter, etc.; on the contrary, they have invariably declared that a companion suspended for any cause by his Lodge is suspended in his Chapter."

"In view of this bold utterance, we deemed it advisable to refer our erratic friend to the law of several Grand Chapters, on this question.

"For instance:

"Suspension by the Lodge for non-payment of dues does not work suspension in the Chapter."—[Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

"Again:

"Suspension or expulsion from membership for non-payment of dues does not affect Chapter standing."—[Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

"Again:

"Suspension or expulsion from membership in a Lodge should not, and does not in Massachusetts,—*ipso facto*—carry with it suspension or expulsion from the Chapter."—[Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—DADMUN.

"Under ordinary circumstances it would not be necessary for us to make further references in support of our position, but as our distinguished Comps. DRUMMOND and DADMUN have assailed the Pennsylvania action with so much vigor, and have been so profuse in their criticisms, we thought it advisable to call their attention, and particularly that of Comp. DRUMMOND, to the action of the Grand Chapter of Maine on the subject.

"Comp. HAYS, Grand High Priest, in a decision, says:

"The relations of a companion in a Chapter are not affected by his having been suspended from membership in a Lodge for non-payment of dues."

"This decision soon received the following endorsement, which was concurred in by the Grand Chapter:

"The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, have examined the same and find them correct.

"They recommend that the decisions be confirmed.

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, } Committee.
"JOHN W. BALLOU, }

"With this evidence before us, we are inclined to the opinion that the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and California were justified in their declaration, as set forth in the preamble, and that the criticisms of Comps. DRUMMOND and DADMUN were not warranted by the facts.

"In view of the principle enunciated by the G. H. P. of Maine, and so cordially endorsed by the chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, it would be in order for Comp. DRUMMOND to explain just what he meant when he declared 'that Grand Chapters have invariably declared that a companion suspended for any cause by his Lodge, is suspended in his Chapter.'

"Comp. DRUMMOND, DEKBY and DADMUN, each contend—that there is a difference or a distinction between suspension from membership and suspension from 'the rights and privileges.'

"The former attempt to illustrate this difference in their reply to Comp. WARREN of Nebraska, who contends that 'suspension is suspension.' They say:

"This may be true, but there is a large difference between suspension by the neck and suspension by the waist. It may be that under our laws non-payment of dues is not a masonic offense; still, as it involves a loss of rights, we now allow Lodges to take away those rights only after notice and due trial; and if it involves a loss of rights by a judgment of a Lodge, it comes pretty near being an offense."

"After mature consideration and due reflection on this proposition, we are inclined to concede the point, that there is a large difference between these two modes of suspension. We have no hesitation in expressing our choice in favor of suspension by the suspenders rather than by the neck-tie. We think our wind would hold out

longer, at any rate we would feel more comfortable. We suppose the peculiar practice of our Maine companions, notwithstanding it involves a loss of rights, after notice and due trial, might properly be classified as suspension 'by the waist.' It don't appear to hurt much, at least those thus suspended appear to enjoy good health in the Chapters.

"In arguing this question with Comp. WARREN they become somewhat excited, and assert with some spirit:

"That it seems to us absurd, that when a Mason has a hundred Masonic rights he may not be suspended from any one, five, ten, or fifty of them, as a punishment, without being suspended from *all* of them. Comp. WARREN practically says: 'No, you must suspend him from *all* or *none*.'

"Yes, and Comp. WARREN in his declaration is sustained by every Masonic jurist who has expressed himself on the subject.

"Our companions claim that a Mason has a *hundred* Masonic rights. We cannot conceive why their modesty should limit their claim to an *even hundred*. Why not a *thousand*, or to be liberal, say *ten thousand*? We think it would puzzle Comp. DRUMMOND or his full partner, Comp. DERBY, to enumerate *ten* distinct, separate rights not included or covered by others; and we question very much if the number would reach even *half* of ten.

"Comp. WARREN, replying to Comp. DRUMMOND on this question, gives the following general summary of the rights of an affiliated Mason, viz.:

"1st. The right of unrestricted Masonic intercourse, and visitation at home or abroad. 2d. The right to ask for and receive Masonic assistance and charity for himself, his widow and orphans, in case of need. 3d. The right of Masonic burial after death. If there are others, they escape us now. We think *all* are embraced in the foregoing."

"Thus it will be seen that a distinguished companion has undertaken to enumerate the *rights*, and names but *three*, and says he thinks *all* are included in these three.

"We don't think Comps. DRUMMOND, DERBY, DADMUN, or self, or any of our immediate descendants, will ever live to see the day when a Masonic body, in the exercise of its penal powers, will attempt to designate any '*one, five, ten, or fifty*' rights, from which the delinquent shall be suspended.

"It would be impracticable, even if it were possible; but we claim that it is absolutely impossible to inflict a penalty inconsistent with the Constitution of the Grand Body, and with the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order. When the Constitution of the Grand Lodge distinctly specifies that the punishment for Masonic offenses are reprimand, suspension, and expulsion, as does that of the Grand Lodge of Maine, we hold that any penalty inflicted not included in those named is absolutely null and void.

"In his review of California, Comp. DADMUN, of Massachusetts, thus speaks as to their customs and usages:

"In Massachusetts it is not competent for a Lodge to suspend or expel a member from Masonry for non-payment of dues. The highest penalty for such a delinquency is suspension from *membership*; therefore, suspension from membership in the Lodge does not affect the standing of a companion in his Chapter. This has always been the usage in Maine and Massachusetts, as well as in many other jurisdictions."

"Please note the fact, as contained in the above, 'that suspension from membership in the Lodge does not affect standing in the Chapter.'

"Under 'Oregon,' referring to our comments on this question, Comp. DADMUN says:

"Whether intentional or not, the question is formed rather adroitly. Why not put it fairly and squarely—is suspension from *membership* in a subordinate for non-payment of dues a *bona fide* suspension? Of course it is, for it is a deprivation of membership as certainly as suspension from office is deprivation of office."

"Why, certainly it is! We knew that you would make confession in due time, and now that you have manfully acknowledged that suspension from membership is a *bona fide* suspension, why not throw off the yoke of bondage altogether, and acknowledge with equal frankness that suspension in a Lodge for any cause is suspension in the Chapter?

"Comp. DRUMMOND, in his reply to Comp. WARREN, of Nebraska, on this question, says:

"Our law expressly provides that the penalty for non-payment of dues shall be only suspension from or deprivation of Lodge membership; it adds a fourth punishment—if it can be called punishment—to the three named by Comp. WARREN."

"Why add a fourth punishment to the three named, and then qualify it by saying 'if it can be called a punishment?' Comp. DADMUN says: 'Of course it is suspension;' if so, it must be pronounced as a punishment."

"In this same review we find Comp. DRUMMOND, or his 'full partner,' Comp. DERBY, indulging in the following sentiments:

"If a man wishes for the benefits of Lodge membership he must pay the corre-

a good deal like a subscription to a newspaper—a man could pay it up as he pleased—if he did not pay, the publisher could drop his name from the list at pleasure."

"We have no hesitation in giving our free and unbiased opinion that the above does not by any means illustrate the position of Maine on this question. If it was intended as such, it certainly is a failure."

We would like to give his argument entire, for it is convincing and unanswerable, but we have room for no more than the concluding paragraphs:—

"Again: Comp. DRUMMOND, only a short time ago, advocated in strong terms that it was not necessary for the charter to be present in the Lodge-room. To-day we are gratified to announce that a sudden change has also overtaken him, and he now acknowledges 'that Masonic law, founded upon long usage, does require the presence of the charter.'

"In view of these remarkable instances of change of opinion—if not of heart—in these distinguished companions, have we not reason to hope that good influences may yet work within and about them, until they may be forced to confess their error, and be willing, with us, to heartily indorse the creed promulgated by Comp. CORTRILL, of Wisconsin—viz., that—

"'Royal Arch Masons have neither power, right, privilege, or authority to recognize, as a regular Royal Arch Mason, either an expelled, suspended, or excluded Master Mason; or any Mason not in full, entire, absolute, unadulterated, and unconditional privileges of a Master Mason.'"

California, for 1880, is fraternally reviewed, and kindly commented upon. Of our Report for that year he says:—

"The Report, as heretofore, was submitted by Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Grand Secretary, and is an able review of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, our own for the years 1878 and '79 being among the number. This is the Report concerning which the Iowa correspondent said that 'life was too short' to read through. We have performed the task, if such it might be called, and yet have a fair expectancy left. It is a meritorious document, and contains far more than we can find space to reproduce, comment upon, or even allude to."

In the matter of Bro. JENNINGS, referred to in our last Report, Comp. PATTON says:—

"We will say in this connection, in regard to the advances made by Comp. JENNINGS, that he never claimed to be the only one who made sacrifices for the needy and suffering at that time. Comp. BAYLEY, in his paper, makes the statement in plain terms that the whole burden of furnishing the sick and destitute with means rested on the shoulders of one.

"It is not denied by our California companion but that Comp. JENNINGS did contribute liberally to the necessities of the times."

With reference to the election of Bro. JENNINGS as the first Grand Master of California, Comp. PATTON says:—

"Comp. JENNINGS, who is still with us, asserts that the records ought not to show the fact, but he was chosen Grand Master, notwithstanding. There was, he says, some misunderstanding as to the time when the election should be held, and he declined and urged that the whole matter should be considered irregular and void, and at the proper time commence *de novo*, which was done."

In conclusion, Comp. PATTON gives us a handsome "send off," as follows:—

"We cannot close our review of this jurisdiction without a word of recognition of those whose acquaintance we made in August last, on our way to Chicago and Detroit. The names of CASWELL, ABELL, GRAVES, PETRIE, ORME, NEFF, WILLIS, GRAHAM, LEE, BLAKE, NEWHALL, REDINGTON, GARRETT, GOULD, DEAN, BURNHAM, WHEELER, HARNET, PEARSON, and scores of others, bring up pleasant memories. If our space will permit, we propose to acknowledge in due form our personal obligations to our California companions for the kind treatment and generous hospitality to weary sojourners on that eventful occasion."

Call again in '88, Comp. PATTON, the latch-string is out.

No more interesting reports have come before us than those of Comp. PATTON, and life is not too short to read them, either. At all events, when we get hold of one we commence at the beginning and never stop until we reach "Conclusion," taking the chances on grim Death in the meantime.

There are in this jurisdiction sixteen subordinate Chapters and 572 members.

QUEBEC.

The fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Montreal on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1881,—the *M. E. Comp. I. H. STEARNS*, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E. Comp. ANGUS GRANT* being Grand Scribe *E. Ten subordinate Chapters* were represented.

The Grand Z. delivered a brief but concise and business-like Address, in which he says:—

"I am pleased to inform you, companions, that notwithstanding the general prosperity of the Order during the past year, yet owing to the wisdom exercised by you and my learned predecessor, in perfecting our laws and regulations, I have had no disagreeable official duties to perform, and but few otherwise, and these few have been rendered comparatively light by the able and valuable assistance rendered me by our efficient and painstaking Grand Scribe *E. R. E. Comp. GRANT*. Our increase of membership in the subordinate Chapters has not been large, yet the growth has, I trust, been a healthful one, nearly all of the Chapters reporting some work; and it is to be hoped that the material selected has been such as will stand the 'Grand Overseer's' square, so that as we increase in numbers we may grow in strength and usefulness."

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, containing the following resolution adopted by that Grand Body:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland having learned with great satisfaction that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec have presented to our *M. E. King*, the Hon. Judge TOWNSHEND, an honorary membership of their Chapter, we do hereby tender our grateful acknowledgments of the honor conferred on our *M. E. King*, and beg to assure our companions in Quebec that we regard this honor as one also conferred on ourselves by their fraternal recognition of the intimate relationship established between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland and that of Quebec."

In conclusion the Grand Z. said:—

"I cannot conclude my Address without referring briefly to the sad calamity which has befallen the people of the United States by the untimely death of President GARFIELD, whereby the feelings of the whole civilized world have been stirred with a thrill of horror at the fatal result of this detestable crime; and I am sure there is but one feeling throughout the British Empire, that of heartfelt sympathy for the people of that Great Republic, who have been called upon to mourn the loss of their beloved and honored Chief Magistrate."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance carried forward to next year of \$550.39.

A lengthy communication was forwarded to the *M. E. First Grand Principal* of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW STEWART, asking his fraternal mediation in the matter of the difficulty existing between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, arising out of jurisdictional disputes. We think Quebec is in the right in the controversy, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no right to maintain jurisdiction over Lodges within her territory. We trust the matter will be speedily and amicably settled.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Comp. ARTHUR F. SIMPSON, who, although—like Comp. INNES, of Michigan—dealing largely in extracts, yet manages to make a very interesting and instructive report. California for 1881 receives fraternal notice, and the undersigned gets handsomely complimented, as follows:—

"Comp. CASWELL, the Grand Secretary, presents one of the most thorough reports it has been our pleasure to examine. He has evidently accomplished an immense amount of work; and when we take into consideration that he is likewise Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an energetic officer. The proceedings cover two hundred and ten pages, got up in excellent style."

Again he says:—

"Comp. CASWELL presents a thoroughly interesting and full Report on Correspondence, commenting largely on all discussed points. He is an adept, and his

opinions are generally sound and based on true Masonic spirit and law. Quebec for 1880 receives full notice."

We thank our companion for his kindly commendation.

The ten Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 348.

The *M. E.* FRANK EDGAR was elected Grand Z. and the *R. E.* ANGUS GRANT was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

The eighty-second Annual Convocation of the *M. E.* Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" was held in the city of Providence on the ninth day of March, 1880,—the *M. E.* and Rev. WILLIAM N. ACKLEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. GREENE being Grand Secretary.

A well prepared, scholarly, and interesting Address was that of the Grand High Priest. After an eloquent exordium, he announced the death of one of the "Fathers in Masonry," *R. E.* Companion CHRISTIAN M. NESTELL, Past Grand Scribe, and paid the following touching tribute to his memory:—

R. E. Companion CHRISTIAN M. NESTELL was exalted in *Providence Chapter* January 30, 1823. He held the office of Grand Scribe in 1832, and was Grand Secretary in 1840 and 1841. He died in Providence on the 26th of February, at the ripe age of eighty-eight. Through his long Masonic life he was most enthusiastic in his devotion to those principles and usages so sacred with all loyal members of the Craft. During that period of bitter opposition through which Masonry in this State was once called upon to pass, Companion NESTELL ever manifested a loving and unwavering devotion. His testimony before the committee of the General Assembly at that time shows how his undimmed loyalty rested upon an intelligent conviction and a manly reverence for those eternal principles which underlie our whole Masonic system. In the course of his examination before that body he says: 'As a man and a Mason I consider my duties to my Creator paramount to all other duties. * * * The invocation attached to each degree I have always understood to be between my Creator and myself. * * * I consider the prominent object of Freemasonry is to promote the best interest of mankind. * * * Every Mason is bound to alleviate the distress of all worthy brethren, no matter whether they originated in the immediate vicinity in which he resides or sprung from the remotest corners of the earth. * * * The moral precepts which Masonry inculcates have been a great stimulus in teaching me to render every man his just due without distinction. * * * I consider it my duty as a Mason so to live and conduct myself as to avoid becoming a subject of reproach, and use my endeavors to preserve unsullied the reputation of the institution.' Thus it was that Companion NESTELL stood bravely to his duty in the face of the fiercest opposition, and manifested that chivalric devotion which is in itself an element of power. He was fitly laid to rest honored by the last inspiring rites of our Order. Noble lives can never perish. And the page we drape in black in honor of one whose loss we mourn is but a fading symbol of that more lasting monument of his fragrant memory in all our hearts."

The following is well worthy of reproduction and earnest attention:—

"Well may our Grand Bodies send their protest across the sea to those members of our Order who, recreant to the time-honored teachings of the Masonic system, would eliminate everything relating to the great Ineffable and the light of his sacred word. Rob our ancient system of all this priceless wealth of living truth and what a paltry residuum, what a base mass of deadness, of dust and ashes, remains! One of the most hopeful aspects of Capitular Masonry within our borders to-day, as revealed to me in my visits to the different Chapters, is the general elevation of tone and veneration for our principles among the companions, and the earnest determination of officers to guard scrupulously that dignity of decorum which alone is in consonance with the exalted teachings of our Order. Nothing can invest Masonry with strength and grandeur like leaving it to be simply its own proper self. Nothing shall have power so effectually to silence the cavils with which it is sometimes assailed as that living witness to its sublime principles to be found in the upright course of its votaries. Mightier than any power of speech is the living deed. Let the Craft but show in their lives a true veneration for our lofty teachings, and the impotent execrations of a fierce opposition shall fall powerless as tiny pebbles against the adamantine fortress. May it more and more become our lofty aim, as we grow continually into a larger knowledge of those truths on which we build our mystic temple, to bring into more perfect harmony the divine rule of action and the purpose and conduct of

our lives; remembering how to the all-seeing eye, the heart, and not the hand, reveals the man; how not this day's success alone is counted wealth; how the guarantee of fruitage lies in the spirit and purpose of the workman. Be it ours, companions, so to measure life to-day and always, so to engrave *our* record, not more of deeds than of high resolves, among the annals of eternity.

“Not by the page, word-painted,
Let life be banned or sainted;
Deeper than written scroll
The colors of the soul.

“Sweeter than any song
My songs that found no tongue;
Nobler than any fact
My wish that failed to act.”

The proceedings were entirely of a local nature.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation was held at the same place on the eighth day of March, 1881,—the *M. E.* JOHN P. SANBORN, Grand High Priest, presiding. Ten subordinate Chapters (all) were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally devoted to a recital of his official acts. He reports that the year has been one of universal peace and prosperity; and that the result of that prosperity has had its influence upon the Order. Peace and harmony prevail among the workmen, and the outlook for the coming year is cheering. He recommended a reduction of the fees for the degrees, and the Grand Chapter, agreeing with his views, reduced the fees from thirty dollars to twenty dollars.

The assets of the Grand Chapter are, \$1,005.15 cash on hand and in bank, and twelve shares of the City National Bank, of the estimated value of \$768, making a total of \$1,773.15.

The proceedings, from the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1798 to and including the meeting held on the fourteenth day of September, 1858, are being reprinted, making a volume of about four hundred and seventy-five pages. The expense attending this reprint is made the excuse for the non-appearance of a Report on Correspondence.

The ten subordinate Chapters have an aggregate membership of 1620.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston on the fifteenth day of February, 1881,—the *M. E.* F. F. GARY, M. D., Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address gives rather a discouraging account of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction, and enumerates the reasons which, in his opinion, have caused the decadence and continued lack of interest in the Order. Among the causes which operate most seriously to impede its progress, he regards the large number of secret societies—recently organized, which, in addition to their social features, hold out the additional one of insurance. These societies, he says, are largely patronized by Masons, who, as they give time and means to their support, correspondingly withdraw their attention from the Chapter. This may be true to some extent, but we would not give a button for that Masonic zeal which cools beneath the influence of pecuniary advantages, or goes astray after strange idols. The societies which are formed upon the basis of life insurance are well enough in their way, and have been productive of great good. They throw around themselves a glamour of social and moral inculcations which lend to their organizations a certain charm; but remove their foundation—life insurance—and they would disappear like dew before the morning sun. There can be nothing in these

ephemeral societies which could seduce the true Mason from his allegiance to the grand old Order which has stood the test of ages, and whose foundations are charity and brotherly love.

Another cause, he says, is to be found in the fact that "the subordinate Chapters have too little work to do." This is a far more plausible reason than the first; but who is responsible for this result? Does not the very fact imply a culpable neglect and lack of zeal and enthusiasm on the part of those who are placed in authority over their companions? A little energy and perseverance is worth tons of disconsolate repining. If a Chapter has no work, let not a meeting be passed. Get together and let the officers and members perfect themselves in the ritual; then study the usages and jurisprudence of the Order; give lectures, tell stories, and sing songs—anything rather than fail to meet at the stated periods. Failure to meet soon causes indifference, which rapidly ripens into neglect. Work upon the plan adopted by the doctor who, without a patient, drove about town as if the twenty-four hours were not long enough to enable him to fill his engagements, and was called out of church half a dozen times during the service. *Make the world believe you are busy* and you will soon find enough to do.

Another cause he finds in the too liberal granting of charters. This is a difficulty not confined to the jurisdiction of South Carolina, and can only be remedied by firmness and decision on the part of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter. It is sometimes hard for a Grand High Priest to refuse the requisite number of companions a dispensation to form a new Chapter, and such a refusal might subject him to the imputation of arbitrariness and prejudice; but, unless he is thoroughly satisfied that the proposed Chapter will have sufficient resources to sustain itself, that its officers are competent, and that its establishment will work no detriment to any Chapter already in existence, he should firmly refuse to grant the dispensation, even at the risk of having his motives impugned. A half-score of puny, inefficient, struggling Chapters, dragging out a miserable existence, where one or two strong and vigorous ones might live and prosper, is a sorry comment upon the promiscuous issue of dispensations.

The Grand High Priest revoked during the year the charters of fifteen Chapters for failure to make returns, and six more were continued on probation. This "slaughter of the innocents," if continued, will soon relieve the Grand Chapter of embarrassment in the matter of mileage and per diem, which the Grand High Priest recommended should be abolished, but which the Grand Chapter could not see in that light, but, instead, resorted to the novel expedient of giving each member two certificates, one for sixty and the other for forty per cent. of the amount due him. The sixty per cent. certificate he was to present to the Grand Secretary for payment; the other he was to "take out in trade;" that is to say, he was to turn it over to his Chapter, to be utilized in the payment of Grand Chapter dues. South Carolina deserves a premium for this invention. But how will it be next year, when the revenue, reduced by the forty per cent. certificates, comes in? Probably the same expedient will be resorted to, but we don't see the way clear out of debt by that process.

Upon the subject of merging the Chapter and Council degrees, the Grand High Priest says:—

"The dissolution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the action of this Grand Chapter in assuming the supervision of the Cryptic degrees, to be communicated by the officers of the subordinate Chapters in Councils, appendant to the Chapters, was contingent upon the permission of the General Grand Chapter to confer the degrees. I do not concur in the opinion that the adoption of the above resolution leaves each Grand Chapter free to assume control of the Cryptic degrees, or not, as they may think best. I believe the action of the General Grand Chapter is, in effect, to prohibit the conferring of these degrees by Chapters. I have arrived at this conclusion for the following reasons: First, the General Grand Chapter adopted a revised Constitution, recognizing *only* the four degrees of Capital

Masonry; and next, by the adoption of the resolution disclaiming all authority over the Cryptic degrees. It will be the duty of this Grand Chapter, if they concur in opinion, to rectify its action at the last Convocation, and restore the custody of the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand Council of South Carolina.

"Anticipating your action, I have directed the R. E. Grand Secretary to restore to Companion ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder, such archives as were turned over to this Grand Chapter."

The committee to whom this portion of the address was referred made, in their report, the following recommendation:—

"That the action of the Grand Chapter on its accepting the power to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master, at its last Convocation, be re-cinded, and the custody of these degrees be formally restored to the Grand Council."

The recommendation was adopted, and—

"The committee of the Grand Council, composed of Chapter Masons, then appeared, to ask for the restoration to the custody of the Grand Council of the Cryptic degrees.

"R. E. Companion SMYTH, in the Chair, read the action of this Grand Body on the subject, and restored, in the name of the Grand Chapter, the custody of said degrees to the Grand Council."

Thus ended the merging fiasco in South Carolina.

The returns of twenty-one Chapters give a total membership of 577. The M. E. J. ADGER SMYTH was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. E. BURKE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Houston on the eighth day of December, 1881,—the M. E. JOHN B. McMAHON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Fifty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and contains but little of interest outside that jurisdiction. He reports that peace and harmony prevail, and prosperity still marks the progress of the Order in Texas. Several Chapters had forfeited their charters by failure to meet for work for three consecutive months, but for good and sufficient reasons being shown, the Grand High Priest granted to each a dispensation, authorizing it to continue work under its charter until the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter. He decided that a companion who had been expelled by his Lodge, and afterwards reinstated, should not be made to pay dues to the Chapter during the period of his expulsion.

He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest JOHN B. JONES, of whom he says: "In his death this Grand Chapter has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the State a most efficient officer, a valuable citizen, and a pure patriot; whilst with us he wrought as a true and worthy companion, manifested at all times a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft, was honored according to his merits, and having finished his course, we trust has been admitted to the Grand Chapter above."

A feeling of sadness came over us as we read the following:—

"And now, in conclusion, companions, I feel that this may be the last time I may ever meet with you on earth. Besides having nearly lived out my 'three score years and ten,' the time allotted in 'the Great Light of Masonry' for man to prepare for eternity, I am afflicted with heart disease, which may at any moment sever my connection with all that pertains to this life. Therefore, companions, I beseech you to be 'good men and true,' and live up to the principles of our great Institution; and may the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with, guide, and direct you in your present deliberations."

We trust the forebodings of our M. E. companion may prove unfounded, and that he may be yet many years spared to greet his companions beneath the Royal Arch.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1,427.17.

A resolution was adopted reinstating in all their rights as chartered Chapters eleven of those who had forfeited their charters under the 'three months' rule.

The Committee on Grievances reported in a case where a companion had been charged with drunkenness, and with cursing and abusing the complainant. The accused plead guilty to the charges, but the Chapter refused to suspend or expel, but voted to reprimand him, and from this action the complainant appealed. In their report the committee say:—

"It does not appear from the transcript in this case that Comp. McCARTY acknowledged his wrong in a spirit of repentance, or that he asked the clemency of the Chapter. Neither does it appear that there were any circumstances before the Chapter tending to mitigate the offense, and your committee feel unauthorized to presume any; and we believe that a simple reprimand for such a grave offense as that with which Comp. McCARTY is charged, is insufficient, inadequate, and should not be countenanced by this Grand Chapter.

"We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved.* That the action of *Larissa* Chapter, No. 22, in the trial of Comp. A. E. McCARTY, be reversed, and Comp. A. E. McCARTY declared suspended for one year—from August 15, 1881, the date of trial."

A righteous judgment.

A special committee was appointed to wait upon Comp. ALBERT PIKE and invite him to visit the Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, Comp. PIKE had engagements which required him to leave Houston that day, and thus the Grand Chapter was deprived of a treat, which otherwise they doubtless would have enjoyed, in the eloquent utterances of this gifted companion.

The report of the Committee on Finances shows a balance due the Grand Chapter from its subordinates of \$514.82, and for the purpose of ascertaining the true status of the subordinates with the Grand Chapter, the Grand Visitors were instructed, in their respective districts, to arrest the charters of all delinquent Chapters, take charge of all property belonging to them, and dispose of the same to the best advantage and interest of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. ROBERT M. ELGIN presents, as usual, a very well written Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, among them being California for 1881. With reference to some remarks of ours, under the head of "Iowa," in which Texas was incidentally mentioned, Comp. ELGIN erects his vertebrae, "squares off," and "goes for us" as follows:—

"It is not our purpose or province to speak for Iowa. Comp. ERCANBRACK is more than able to do that. But as for Texas, we will say that as yet she needs no one to keep her conscience, and can wait until the S. P. R. R. is completed before she crosses the continent to look for some one to do so; but in the meantime, if Comp. CASWELL will come up flat-footed, face to face, instead of hitting at us over the shoulders of Iowa, we will give him the best we have in the locker."

Now, Comp. ELGIN, we're not going to knock that chip off your shoulder; we have read somewhere about the "galled jade" wincing, but we're not hunting a row just now—haven't got the time. Neither do we wish to keep your conscience; but when the S. P. R. R. is completed, take a spin out and see us, and bring your conscience with you, and we'll wash it in a bottle of good old "Sillery Mosseaux," and if your heart isn't as hard as one of the "Elgin Marbles," we'll convert you to the true faith. In the meantime, as Mrs. PARTINGTON would say, "Let peace and animosity prevail."

With reference to our remarks upon profanity, Comp. ELGIN says:—

"We fully indorse the following, and copy for its singular beauty and force of expression, as well as the fact that it is a lesson equally well deserved in this latitude as in that of California."

Thanks, companion, for the compliment; we fear there are few jurisdictions where the remarks will be found inapplicable.

He further says:—

"He adheres to the action of his Grand Chapter, and defends it as heroically as

from another jurisdiction a declaration that they do not stand suspended or expelled from any cause whatever, nor has his name been stricken from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues.

"On this subject there are two classes of extremists. One says suspension for non-payment of dues in the Lodge is no bar to admission into the Chapter in a different jurisdiction, because the non-payment of dues is not a crime or an offense against the moral law—such as murder, theft, or drunkenness—and they freely admit him, though to all intents and purposes a suspended Mason at home. The other class go nearly as far the other way, and say non-payment of dues is an offense against the laws of Masonry, and your name having been stricken from the roll of the Lodge you cannot sit with us.

"Such is the case in Pennsylvania.

"In Texas we have the pure unadulterated suspension for non-payment."

So also in California.

Comp. ELGIN writes an excellent Report, and stands his ground manfully against all comers. We admire his pluck, but we cannot always concur in his conclusions; and having already had our say upon the points at issue, we propose an "armed neutrality," at least for the present.

Texas has several Chapters under its jurisdiction, the numbers run up to 152, and the total membership is put down at 3261.

The M. E. PYTON NOWLIN was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Burlington on the seventeenth day of June, 1881,—the M. E. ALFRED HALL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary. Twenty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

A long list of deceaseds, among whom are numbered one Past Grand High Priest, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and two Past Grand Kings, is presented by the Grand High Priest in his Address, and fitting tributes are paid to their memories. Under the head of "Decisions," he says:—

"While many questions have been answered, that might be recorded as decisions, I see no good that can arise from placing on record what has often been decided, or the mere construction of an unambiguous statute. I therefore give but three:

"A petitioner for membership, if blackballed, may renew his petition at the next regular Convocation, in the absence of a by-law prohibiting it.

"A regular Convocation cannot be called from labor to refreshment until a subsequent day of Convocation; the business of a regular meeting must be completed on the day it is called, or lie over until a subsequent Convocation.

"The petition of a party residing in the Province of Quebec should not be balloted upon without the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence in that jurisdiction.

"The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter prohibits the conferring of degrees upon a person 'whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, district, or territory, except by consent, etc.'

"This should be constructed as covering any other province or country where a Grand Chapter is located."

He had frequently been called upon to use the dispensing power, but had yielded only in one instance, an example of fortitude worthy of all imitation. Of the General Grand Chapter he says:—

"The body was composed of able representative Masons, and the business dispatched in a most creditable manner. Although some of the questions elicited earnest, eloquent, and at times warm discussion, it was marked with true Masonic spirit, and all seemed anxious that our meeting should result in the greatest good for a united Craft extending throughout the length and breadth of our great and glorious country.

"I could but wish that the same feeling of unity and fealty existed in our political bodies. It is not impossible that these national organizations, drawing into pleasant contact the residents of different sections, may yet prove a potent factor in bringing about such a result.

"The principal acts were the adoption of a new Constitution, strengthening weak

places in the old one, but adding few new powers; deciding that it had no jurisdiction over the Council degrees, and the adoption of a standard work relative to 'essentials.'

Relative to the state of the Order he says:—

"Most of the Chapters in this jurisdiction are in good condition. Around their altars kneel men of ability and earnestness, who labor to make their Chapters a credit to the Institution and to their localities. Of a few I can but speak unfavorably. If not dead, they are sleeping; and unless they awake speedily, should be buried. Whether this condition is due to a first cause, viz., that Chapters never should have been located where they are, or whether it is the fault of the members, I am unable to say. It should prove a lesson to us to be careful about establishing new Chapters.

"During my official connection with this Grand Body, I have often noted the fact that subordinate Chapters do not always choose the best men for officers. It is not a matter that concerns a single Chapter, but one of general interest. Our Institution is judged of by its members, and often by its officers, and it is of the highest importance that selections be made with great care. 'But,' says my technical friend, 'our elections are held without nominations or previous arrangement. Electioneering is un-Masonic.'

"The misunderstanding of this principle has proved a stumbling block and detriment in many Masonic bodies. Let us look beyond the word to the intention of those who laid down this general rule.

"Un-Masonic electioneering, as I understand it, is the stooping to political practices in the interest of self or friends for office; contemptible in politics, and if practiced in the slightest degree in a Masonic body, justly reprehensible.

"It is not un-Masonic if in the right spirit the active members of a Lodge or Chapter canvass the qualifications of members for the various offices, and reasonably advocate their fitness; nor is an honest ambition for office to be condemned.

"I can understand how greater harm may result from a *chance* ballot, for such it often is, when the *annuals* come in and out-vote the *regulars*, than in a careful looking over and selection of officers.

"When the best men are selected they have much to do; they must perfect themselves in the work and executive duties; they must also learn the art of interesting the members and attracting them to the meetings. If one experiment fails adopt another. Your full duty will not be discharged until you can look with pride upon the flourishing condition of your Chapter. Rest assured that the satisfaction to be derived from such a result, and the approbation of your companions, will amply reward you."

We fully concur in these observations, and commend them to our companions in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$923.95.

The Constitution was amended so as to make Past High Priests and Past Grand Treasurers permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. EDWARD S. DANA, and is a good one. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, including those of the General Grand Chapter, and has a kindly word for California withal.

The M. E. HOMER M. PHELPS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. Grand Secretary was re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee on the fifteenth day of February, 1881,—the M. E. MELVIN L. YOUNGS, Past Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN W. WOODRULL being Grand Secretary.

There not being a quorum present, the Grand Chapter was called off until the twenty-second inst., at two o'clock, P. M.

At that time the Grand Chapter was called to labor, the M. E. FRED RING, Jr., Grand High Priest, presiding. Forty-nine subordinate Chapters out of fifty-two were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a purely business paper, the only bit of sentiment we are able to find in it being the following:—

"No one can be present during these gatherings without being forcibly struck with the fact that the claim we make of being a band of brothers is no mere empty

phrase; the hearty greeting, the warm pressure of the hand, the pleasure with which we renew the acquaintance broken off for a time by the cares of business, as well as the anxious inquiries after the absent, all tend to show the genuine fraternal spirit that pervades us. While we are realizing this true enjoyment let us not forget to drop a sympathetic tear to the memory of those who have been called to serve their Master in another sphere, nor forget to inquire into the circumstances of the bereaved ones, that their necessities may receive the requisite attention."

He made the following decision:—

"A companion applied for membership in a Chapter, was black-balled, and applied again; an objection was received by the High Priest against receiving and acting on the petition. What was his duty?

"*Answer.* An objection (unless withdrawn) has the same effect as a black-ball, no more no and less; hence the objection spoken of loses its vitality the same as a black-ball would.

"My construction of the law is, that a companion applying for affiliation can present a new petition at the next meeting of the Chapter after being black-balled, without waiting the six months as required in the case of a brother applying for the degrees."

He reports a prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, and a gain of one hundred and twenty-six during the year.

He announces the death of Comp. JOEL NEWELL, at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

"He had been a Mason over fifty-six years, a Royal Arch Mason fifty-five years, and a Knight Templar fifty-four years. The old black uniform purchased by him fifty-four years ago lay upon the coffin when it was borne by tender hands to its last resting place, a beautiful memorial of the olden time, speaking words of more profound eloquence than could be uttered by any living man. From the parlor in which, as his wife states, the first Lodge ever opened in Berlin was held twenty-nine years ago, the remains of this true and noble man were removed, to be escorted by his brothers to the cemetery. The old men who bore that coffin from this room, all old and tried friends of Father NEWELL, could not suppress the tears which dampened their wrinkled cheeks. Sympathetic tears they were, for none of them who helped to carry the remains of the brother can expect to long survive him."

The following tribute is paid to his memory:—

"Men may, by joining in the strife of politics or war, attain to eminence, and become known throughout the world; those who by constant labor become the real brains and sinew of the land may die almost unknown. Such was true of JOEL NEWELL. He was one of God's noblemen. He lived in retirement, labored for those around him, with a heart tender as a child, but an intellect second to no man in our country. When the time comes, if it ever does, that noble manhood shall take precedence of bombast and ignorance, then such men as Father NEWELL will be appreciated and loved."

The following, from the report of the Committee on Councils, exhibits some of the disadvantages of the merging system:—

"1st. The increase in membership the past year has been eighty-five, while the exaltations have been about one hundred and ninety; showing conclusively that the Councils have not conferred the degrees, even upon the candidates who have been exalted, there now being, at least, of those who have been exalted, one hundred and five who have not received the Council degrees.

"The reasons for this are many and various. A large majority of the Chapters had never conferred these degrees, and but a very small proportion of the members had received them previous to the change which placed these degrees in control of the Chapters. The Chapters, where Councils had not previously existed, had the ritual to learn, paraphernalia to procure, etc., which no doubt has, in many instances, been burdensome; and this, together with a much to be regretted indifference, has produced the result previously mentioned.

"2d. It can hardly be expected that all this can be remedied at once, but we are confident that there are remedies which, if applied, would tend to correct this state of affairs.

"Among these remedies we might mention this: that the ritual has not been sufficiently promulgated, and is not understood by the officers of the Chapters; that the frequent change of officers in Chapters, and the great amount of ritual they are obliged to learn, the time they are required to spend in meetings and conferring degrees, makes it, at first thought, appear to be a great burden to add more degrees, and consequently more work for the presiding officer. The remedy for this is, that

the King or Scribe, who have really no work to do, should perfect themselves in the work of these degrees, and thus relieve the High Priest from this part of the work. It is also true that every Chapter has among its members many who would, no doubt, be pleased to be assigned to the duty of perfecting themselves in the work, and assist in conferring these degrees. We do not understand that because the officers of the Chapter are the officers of the Council that they are not at liberty to call upon any companion to perform any part of the work of the Council.

"3d. Companions all understand that the edicts of the Grand Chapter must be obeyed—that it is the duty of one and all to abide by the law. With this understanding we find another remedy, which can only be applied by this Grand Chapter. Your committee, however, are opposed to coercion in this case, believing that all the companions will, when the necessity for action is brought before them, be ready and anxious to enter upon this work with renewed vigor, and accomplish that greatly to be desired result, viz.: that every Chapter member in the State shall become a Royal and Select Master."

A hint is here thrown out that the Grand Chapter might, if it chose to do so, coerce Royal Arch Masons into taking the Council degrees. Such an edict would be unlawful, and it would not be "the duty of one and all to abide by the law." We will suggest one reason why so great an indifference is manifested to these degrees as at present conferred in the Chapters, and that is, that companions feel that they are getting something that they have no right to obtain in that way; that the transaction is illegitimate, and that they would not be received or acknowledged as Royal and Select Masters in any legally constituted Council in the land. Follow the example of South Carolina, companions; resign your ill-advised assumption of jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees, and you will find that you have quite enough to do properly to attend to those legitimately belonging to the Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:—

"I regret to report that many of the Chapters visited are not paying that attention to the Council degrees that was expected of them. There seems to be an indifference, growing out of the fact that most of the officers of constituent Chapters are unwilling or neglect to qualify themselves to properly do the work. All admit the propriety of so doing, and in every case where it has been done the effect upon the interest in and the prosperity of the Chapter has been manifest. It would seem that some action ought to be taken by this Grand Chapter to induce the subordinates to pay more attention to the working of these degrees over which they have assumed jurisdiction, particularly so since the action of the General Grand Chapter in relation to this subject."

There is just where the trouble comes in; the action of the General Grand Chapter virtually forbids the conferring these degrees in the Chapters, by declaring that it does not recognize them and has no jurisdiction over them. In the face of this declaration it is only natural that companions should decline to take them.

The Committee on Finances report cash on hand amounting to \$1,116.84.

The Report on Correspondence, presented by Comp. JEDD P. C. COTTRILL, comprises a brief review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, and, like all its predecessors, is ably and concisely written. California for 1880 is most kindly and fraternally noticed. He thinks we are accumulating too much money, and wishes to know what we are to do with it. We answer that it is always pleasant to have a few dollars on hand in case any of our neighbors should require our aid, through pestilence, fire, or flood, and a full treasury is also largely conducive to peace and harmony. The project of a widows' and orphans' home is being agitated in this jurisdiction, and a few of our surplus thousands may properly be diverted into that channel, should such an institution be established.

He dissents from Comp. SPAULDING's decision relative to, "sitting down" on a member who objects to the reception of a petition at an improper stage of the proceedings, and thinks the companion who raised Hades in the Chapter and then apologized ought to have been let off without further action. We can't all think alike, and it is well we cannot, for were this the case we could get up no controversy with our brother reporters, and deprived of this privilege, life would be a burden. He

pays us a handsome compliment in the following, which covers a multitude of *dissensions* :—

"Companion THOMAS H. CASWELL, who is Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, too, largely and learnedly reported upon correspondence; a pleasant, able, and enjoyable report. We have read it with much interest, and are sorry, as in many other cases, that we cannot reproduce it all. He believes, as we do, that Lodge suspension is Chapter suspension also."

Again he says:—

"He opposes strongly our action as to the Cryptic degrees; but they are not incorporated into our Chapters, and are simply given after the Royal Arch degree, to those who want them, but given in Councils, opened and worked as such. He favors the borrowing and lending business of candidates, and supports his argument by supposing the case of an elected California man who has gone to Honolulu, and wants the degrees there. We say in such case let him apply there, and let California relinquish jurisdiction of him. We see no answer to the proposition that a candidate elected in one Chapter and made in another is a member of neither."

So far as regards the conferring of the Cryptic degrees in "Councils opened and worked as such," that is what Comp. DADMUN calls "whipping the devil round the stump." Where is the authority for opening and holding such Councils? With reference to the second proposition, the practice has been in vogue ever since ADAM raised CAIN. A companion elected in one Chapter, and exalted in another by request, is a member of the Chapter which elected him; the conferring of the degrees being simply a matter of courtesy on the part of the responding Chapter.

We would gladly follow Comp. CORTRILL farther in his very interesting report, but we have exhausted our space, and the printer calls time!

The fifty-two subordinate Chapters report an aggregate membership of 3,292.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee, by

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Chairman*.

Which report was ordered to be published with the proceedings of this Convocation.

The Grand Secretary presented the following memorial from members of the late *Quincy Chapter*, No. 32; which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

To the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully show to your Honorable Body—

1. That in 1873 the charter of *Quincy Chapter*, No. 32, located at Quincy, Plumas County, California, was revoked by your honorable body for good and sufficient cause.

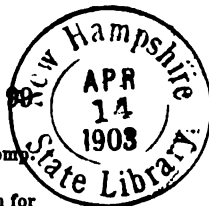
2. That at the time the same was revoked, the order of revocation did not exempt any of the members of the Chapter from the effect of such revocation, and they were thereby suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Royal Craft.

3. That none of the undersigned were aware that they had been suspended as aforesaid, until on or about the month of July, 1881, when they for the first time learned such fact from Comp. THOS. H. CASWELL, in response by him to a request in writing for Grand Chapter Certificates and that such fact was only ascertained by him after a careful and laborious investigation of records found, as his letter stated it, "among the rubbish of the Temple."

4. That notwithstanding the condition of the records of said Chapter contained in the archives of your Grand Body, showing that each member of *Quincy Chapter* was indebted for dues at the time of revocation in the sum of \$34, i. e. thirty-four months dues at \$1 per month, your petitioners respectfully state that each of them paid to Comp. T. F. HERSEY, Secretary of said *Quincy Chapter*, all the dues

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chargeable to them up to date of revocation. And they further say that Comp. HENRY has been dead upwards of three years.

5. That since said revocation, several applications have been made by them for Grand Chapter Certificates, but without avail and without ascertaining their true standing until a formal application in writing to Comp. THOS. H. CASWELL elicited the foregoing facts in July last.

6. They further represent unto your honorable body, that subsequent to said revocation Companions J. C. PARTRIDGE, (now deceased) J. R. LOOKWOOD, W. H. NAILLEIGH, (now deceased) J. H. WHITLOCK, and A. A. SMITH signed, with other companions, a petition for a new Chapter to be formed at Susanville; that all of said named companions were members of said *Quincy* Chapter at the time of its revocation; that they never received Grand Chapter Certificates; and that, at the time a charter was granted them by your honorable body, they stood suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Royal Craft in consequence of said unqualified revocation.

7. That all of the companions mentioned in paragraph six have, together with the undersigned F. B. WHITING, W. T. BYERS, and WILLIAM BLOUGH taken the Orders of Knighthood since said revocation; and that in all other respects the members of said *Quincy* Chapter have since said revocation and until July last believed themselves to be in good standing, and "have governed themselves accordingly."

8. That said disability of suspension has never been removed as to petitioners, although it has in effect as to those members named in paragraph six, by the granting to them of a charter to form *Lassen* Chapter aforesaid.

9. That they have formally petitioned Comp. H. S. ORME, the M. E. Grand High Priest, for a removal of said disability through the interposition of his plenary powers, but in response petitioners have been informed by him that relief can only be obtained through the exercise of your sovereign powers.

They therefore respectfully ask, on behalf of themselves and all other members of said Chapter, that all the members of said Chapter be restored upon such terms as your honorable body may deem proper and for the good of the Royal Craft, and respectfully refer your honorable body, for further information, to the opinions of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary, to a letter of C. L. WIGGIN accompanying this petition, and also to Comp. THOS. H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary; also to our worthy Comp. JOSHUA HUTCHINGS VAREL, Past High Priest of *Lafayette* Chapter, No. 24, and High Priest of *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, who has undertaken to present and advocate this petition in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. GOODWIN, T. B. WHITING, WILLIAM T. BYERS, M. B. BRANSFORD, WILLIAM BLOUGH, E. P. SMITH, and WILLIAM S. PRICE,	} Committee.
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The last five names were signed by me by and with their authority and at their request, it not being convenient for them to sign in person.

R. H. F. VAREL,

Principal Sojourner, Alturas Chapter, No. 34.

The Grand Secretary also presented the following preamble and resolutions, which, having reference to the foregoing memorial, were also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

HALL OF ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34, R. A. M., }
QUINCY, CAL., March 10th, 1882. }

WHEREAS, The charter of *Quincy* Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M., at the above place, was in the year A. D. 1873, for sufficient cause revoked, and

WHEREAS, None of the members of said Chapter were excepted from the effects of such revocation, and

WHEREAS, The effect of such revocation was to suspend all the companions of such Chapter from all the rights and privileges of the Royal Craft, and

WHEREAS, Companions F. B. WHITING, J. D. GOODWIN, W. T. BYERS, M. B. BRANSFORD, WILLIAM BLOUGH, E. P. SMITH, and WILLIAM S. PRICE, companions thereof, have never, either by act of the Grand Chapter or otherwise, been restored to said rights or privileges, and

WHEREAS, We believe that said companions at the time of said revocation were not in arrears for dues, and that said companions are worthy to be restored, and that such restoration would be for the benefit of the Royal Craft, and

WHEREAS, A petition setting forth such facts is to be presented to the Grand Chapter of the State of California in behalf of said companions, asking that said companions be restored to all those rights and privileges, upon the payment of a sum equal to six months' dues, and that they may therefore be furnished Grand Chapter Certificates by the Grand Secretary ; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That in view of the foregoing premises the said Grand Chapter respectfully be asked by this Chapter to grant said petition, and to restore said companions to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, upon the terms proposed in said petition, or upon such terms as may seem just and proper.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, under the seal of this Chapter, be forwarded to the Grand Chapter by such means as the High Priest of this Chapter may deem proper.

J. H. VARIEL, *High Priest*.

Attest : J. A. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that the work of the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified this evening, at half-past seven o'clock. *California* Chapter, No. 5, having kindly consented to confer the degree upon actual candidates, provided by it for the purpose.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Tuesday, April 11th, A. I. 2412. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at half-past two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees :—

On Charters :

Comp. Hiram Newton Rucker,
" Michael James Keating,
" Charles Mortimer Cogan,
" William Thompson Luther,
" Franklin Henry Day.

On By-Laws :

Comp. Ellison Lassell Crawford,
" Edward Taylor Anthony,
" Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
" Wilson Hays,
" Richard Munt.

On Returns :

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
 " James Martin Rodgers,
 " Daniel Porter Bystle,
 " George Heirn Gilbert,
 " James Seth Crawford.

On Grievances :

Comp. Carnot Courtland Mason,
 " Doran Lucius Campbell,
 " George Alexander McKenzie,
 " Joseph Miller Lithfield,
 " Andrew Henderson Broder.

On Payment of Delegates :

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith
 " Henry Charles Lott,
 " James Singley,
 " William Buckley Davis,
 " Cornelius Kellogg.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finances, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of aprons for the use of this Grand Chapter, which shall be kept with the other property of this Grand Body for its use when required.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

In the performance of our duty as your special committee to examine, review and apportion the report of the Most Excellent Companion who has presided over the destinies of the Grand Chapter during the past year, the undersigned have given the subject matter such consideration as the brief time at their disposal warranted, and submit this report with the expressed regret that where there is so much to commend there should not be more time at their disposal to please themselves, and do justice to the merits of a companion who has made a most excellent, industrious, and pains-taking officer. May his zeal and enthusiastic devotion to Royal Arch Masonry be emulated by his successors in office.

We recommend that the official acts of the Grand High Priest in the matter of his several approvals and amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

And that all matters relating to the removal of *Alturas* Chapter; the petition for *Plumas* Chapter, together with the protest against the new Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters. To the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

1st. The granting of dispensations to hold an election at other than the time specified in the By-Laws; and to ballot for candidates without waiting the usual time prescribed in By-Laws :

2d. All matters growing out of the revocation of the charter of *Quincy* Chapter, No. 32; also the petition for relief from the results of such forfeiture, from sundry Royal Arch Masons.

3d. All matters pertaining to the disgraceful proceedings of the High Priest of the late *Lakeport* Chapter, with instructions to report a mode of procedure for the vindication of the rights of this Grand Chapter, and for the discipline of the offender.

We would like to refer to several matters noted by the Grand High Priest; but time forbids. We will suggest, however, that as this Grand Chapter is supplied with good work, we hope that our *fratres* will hesitate long before submitting our ritual to anybody's tinkering, no matter from whence he hail, or how high-sounding his Masonic title.

The Grand High Priest advanced an opinion of practice in which we do not fully concur; that of the necessity of balloting upon an unfavorable report. We think as there is no mandatory provision in the Constitution governing the matter, it is controlled by Regulation 10, which says, "That in all essential respects the Constitution of the Grand Lodge shall govern when there is no conflict." It follows, therefore, that it is at least "unnecessary" to ballot upon an unfavorable report.

The Grand High Priest also suggests that it would be well to district our jurisdiction after the manner of our Grand Lodge; and thus in effect divide the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Council. We have no time to discuss this proposition, but with the greatest regard for the opinions of the Grand High Priest, we hope we shall continue to let well-enough alone in this matter. Let us not complicate our machinery, and we shall avoid friction. Let us continue to walk in the good old way a little longer.

All which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, }
D. L. CAMPBELL, } *Committee.*
O. C. MASON, }

Which report was concurred in, and the references therein made were ordered as recommended.

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the election of Grand Officers was now ordered; whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed Comps. CHARLES RAY GRITMAN and WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE was elected Grand High Priest;
The R. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
The R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES was elected Grand King;
The R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN was elected Grand Scribe;
The R. E. HIRAM THEOPH GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;
The R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, near this Grand Chapter; and on motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, Comp. CASWELL was duly received and accredited as such representative.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, April 12th, A. I. 2412, }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

petitioners, having conducted themselves with propriety and a full sense of their responsibility as Royal Arch Masons, should be restored; and we take pleasure in recommending to the Grand Chapter the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the companions named in this report, former members of *Quincy* Chapter, No. 32, upon payment to the Grand Secretary of all just dues, are hereby relieved from all disabilities attaching to them by reason of the revocation of the charter of said Chapter; and that the Grand Secretary issue to them, upon proper application, certificates as Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB H. NEFF, WM. A. DAVIES, W. J. TINNIN, A. HOLLUB,	} Committee.
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Which reports were concurred in, and the resolution accompanying the second report was adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM. ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the same committee, presented the following report:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the Grand High Priest which relates to the contempt of FRANK D. TUNIS, late High Priest of *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, in wilfully disregarding his allegiance to the authority of this Grand Chapter—in disregarding the orders of its official head—disdaining to notice the repeated requests of the Grand Secretary—and in sundry offences against the law of Masonry—acts both of omission and commission—report that we think the Grand High Priest fully justified in the request that discipline be applied, to the end that the authority of the Grand Chapter may be vindicated.

The proceedings of last year, page 475, bear witness to the studied discredit brought upon Masonry by his disloyal acts of contempt, and your committee conclude that as Companion FRANK D. TUNIS does not appear to be impressed with the responsibilities and duties of a Royal Arch Mason, it is best for the reputation of the Grand Chapter that his connection with it be severed; we therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:—

Resolved, That Comp. FRANK D. TUNIS, late High Priest of the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, be and he is hereby expelled from all his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. NEFF, W. J. TINNIN, WM. A. DAVIES, A. HOLLUB,	} Committee.
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Comp. ADOLPHUS HEWELL offered the following substitute for the resolution recommended by the committee:—

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest direct charges to be preferred against the said FRANK D. TUNIS for violation of his Masonic obligations, and that he be tried thereon in some one of the subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction.

After considerable discussion the substitute was rejected, the report of the committee concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the following petition from Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz.:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The petition of the undersigned, JAMES M. DAWLEY, respectfully states—

1. That he is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and a member of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, within the jurisdiction of this M. E. Grand Chapter.

2. That a charge of unmaasonic conduct has been preferred against him in said *Bodie* Chapter by Companion GEORGE H. WINTERBURN, a member of said Chapter, and, on or about February eighteenth, A. D. 1882, a summons was addressed to him under the seal of said Chapter, by the Secretary thereof, acting under the order of the High Priest of said Chapter, which directed him to appear and answer the said charge at *Bodie* on this (Wednesday) evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

3. That with the said summons the undersigned, now residing at Oakland, county of Alameda, in this State, received a copy of the said charge and of the specifications thereof, and that he has signed and sent to said *Bodie* Chapter, *first*, his objection to the consideration and determination of said charge by said *Bodie* Chapter on the ground of prejudice; *second*, his demurrer to the said charge and to the said specifications, on the ground that they do not accuse the undersigned of a Masonic offence; and, *third*, his denial of and answer to the said charge and specifications.

4. That the proceedings against the undersigned to which he has referred, grew out of an indebtedness due from him to the *Bodie* Bank, several of whose officers are members of said *Bodie* Chapter, and to Companion J. C. TURNER, and out of the additional fact that he has been discharged in insolvency by the Superior Court in and for the county of Alameda; that, in the said insolvency proceedings, the said *Bodie* Bank formally and vigorously opposed his discharge upon the alleged ground that he had fraudulently conveyed property to his wife which ought to have been applied to the payment of his debts, and, after a trial, was defeated in its said opposition; and that the charge now made against him in said *Bodie* Chapter is the identical charge upon which he has thus been acquitted after an investigation in one of the civil tribunals of the country, and has been preferred, as above stated, by Companion GEORGE H. WINTERBURN, co-operating with other companions who are officers of said *Bodie* Bank and members of said *Bodie* Chapter.

5. That said charge is being prosecuted with great bitterness by Companion GEORGE H. WINTERBURN and the other companions to whom allusion has been made, and that in the absence of the undersigned from *Bodie*, these companions have discussed the subject matter of said charge with so much freedom, and presented their views of the guilt of the undersigned with so much confidence, that they have produced a deep-seated prejudice and a hostile feeling against the undersigned in the minds of a majority of the members of said Chapter, which, with entire respect to them and to the said Chapter, render it impossible for them to give him a fair and impartial trial; and that the proceedings, if conducted before said *Bodie* Chapter or the commission appointed thereby, would be purely automatic and would inevitably result in the conviction of the undersigned.

6. That the undersigned now resides at Oakland as above stated, and he has ceased to do business at *Bodie* which is at a great distance from the place of his residence, and that he is unable to bear the expense and loss of time which his personal presence and the conduct of his defence at *Bodie* would involve.

7. That so far as he is advised, no charge has been preferred against him in the Lodge of Master Masons of which he is a member.

8. That he is unfamiliar with Masonic law and usage with respect to charges against members of the fraternity, and was not aware, until within a few days last past and too late to apply to the Grand High Priest in this jurisdiction, that he had a right to apply for a change of the place of trial from *Bodie* Chapter to some other Chapter, where he could fully present his defence and have a fair and impartial hearing.

9. That he is willing and anxious to be tried before any Chapter in San Francisco or Oakland that may be designated by this *M. E.* Grand Chapter, and that his present application is made in good faith in the interests of Masonic justice, and not for delay.

Wherefore he prays:—

1. That his cause be transferred from *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, to some other Chapter in San Francisco or Oakland for trial and determination.

2. That the Grand Secretary be instructed forthwith and by telegraph to communicate the fact of such transfer and the decision upon this petition of this *M. E.* Grand Chapter to the proper officers of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55.

Dated San Francisco, April 12th, A. D. 1882.

JAMES A. DAWLEY.

Comp. FRANK D. MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, authorizing the Grand Secretary to purchase a supply of aprons for the use of the members of the Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and as the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is such as will warrant the expenditure proposed, they recommend that the resolution be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MEAD, F. H. DAY, H. N. RUCKER, M. J. KEATING,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the resolution therein referred to was adopted.

Comp. HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the petition for a charter of *Plumas* Chapter, now under dispensation, would respectfully report as follows:—

Your committee deem it quite unnecessary in this report to reiterate the differences and difficulties between *Alluras* Chapter, No. 34, and *Plumas* Chapter, under dispensation, the details of which are fully set forth in the address of our *M. E.* Grand High Priest.

While each member of your committee very much regrets that in issuing a dispensation to *Plumas* Chapter some discontent has arisen among members of a sister Chapter, yet they are of the opinion that the causes of such discontent are not of sufficient magnitude to warrant further or permanent discord.

They are also of the opinion that there existed in the minds of the Comps. who petitioned for a dispensation, good and sufficient reasons for the same. And upon investigation they find that the action of the petitioners was regular and proper; that on the twenty-eighth day of September, 1881, a dispensation was regularly issued to them to organize *Plumas* Chapter; that under this authority they have, at an expense of about a thousand dollars, purchased all the necessary paraphernalia for a well regulated Chapter; have effected a lease of a hall for the period of five years; have paid all their just debts and liabilities, and have now in their treasury the sum of \$353 25.

The number of petitioners for dispensation was nine; since then, three have affiliated, five have been *received*, and four *exalted*; and they now have five petitions to be acted upon.

Your committee have carefully examined the Record Book of *Plumas* Chapter, and find it properly and neatly written up. In fact, all the information that has come to the knowledge of your committee, bears evidence of the vital condition of *Plumas* Chapter. They, therefore, offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

"*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to *Plumas* Chapter, at Greenville, Plumas County, California, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 58."

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. N. RUCKER,	} Committee.
M. J. KEATING,	
W. T. LUTHER,	
F. H. DAY,	

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Comp. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on By-Laws having duly considered the various matters referred to it, respectfully report as follows:

Amendments to their by-laws have been made by the following subordinate Chapters, viz:—

1. *Oakland* Chapter, No. 26.
2. *Signet* Chapter, No. 57.
3. *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34. Changing the time of holding their regular meetings.
4. *Ukiah* Chapter, No. 53.
5. *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44. Reducing monthly dues from one dollar to fifty cents per month.
6. *Chico* Chapter, No. 42. Reducing fees from \$75 to \$50 for the degrees.
7. *Howard* Chapter No. 14.
8. *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55. Abolishing all fees for affiliation.

These amendments have severally received the approval of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, and are within the competency of the several Chapters, and conflict with no provision of the Constitution or regulations of this Grand Chapter. Their approval is therefore recommended.

Della Chapter, No. 27, made the following amendment to its by-laws, and the same has been approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, viz:—

Sec. 1, Art. II. "The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be holden on the Monday succeeding the full moon in each month."

Your committee have no doubt as to the night intended, but, as the Section is indefinite, recommend that the word "first" be inserted before the word "Monday," so that it will read "on the first Monday," and with this amendment recommend approval.

Plumas Chapter, under dispensation, having returned to the Grand Secretary's office, its book of by-laws, and the same having received the careful consideration of your committee, we find it neatly transcribed and signed by all the members, a few, however, not by full names. The by-laws are conformable to the uniform code heretofore recommended by this Grand Chapter. Their approval is therefore recommended.

The by-laws of *Signet* Chapter, No. 57, which was constituted under a special

order of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. Grand High Priest informed your committee, conform to the uniform code and were approved by him before the charter for said Chapter was issued. Their approval is therefore recommended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, WILSON HAYES, ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, R. MUNT, E. T. ANTHONY,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee, to whom was referred for examination the returns of subordinate Chapters for the current year, having performed that duty, respectfully report:—

That returns from all the Chapters have been received by the Grand Secretary, and that in most instances they were correctly and neatly prepared, and that all dues have been paid by the Chapters.

Your committee find that a few of the Chapters did not come up to the requirements of the law in regard to the specified time for making returns to the Grand Secretary, but they were so few that your committee have deemed it advisable not to mention them by name. We would, however, strongly urge upon each and every subordinate Chapter the importance of being prompt in its returns to the Grand Secretary; and did the Secretaries of those Chapters fully realize the value to the Grand Secretary of this suggestion, we are satisfied that in the future your committee would have no delinquencies to mention.

The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco, No. 1,</i>	\$326 00	\$127 00	\$453 00
<i>Sonora, " 2,</i>	21 00	21 00	42 00
<i>Sacramento, " 3,</i>	166 00	104 00	270 00
<i>California, " 5,</i>	236 50	125 50	362 00
<i>Nevada, " 6,</i>	43 50	28 50	72 00
<i>Benicia, " 7,</i>	22 50	10 50	33 00
<i>Shasta, " 9,</i>	42 00	24 00	66 00
<i>Sutter, " 11,</i>	37 00	28 00	65 00
<i>Merced, " 12,</i>	24 00	18 00	42 00
<i>Washington, " 13,</i>	77 00	51 00	128 00
<i>Howard, " 14,</i>	52 00	37 00	89 00
<i>Cyrus, " 15,</i>	16 50	16 50	33 00
<i>Saint James, " 16,</i>	24 50	16 50	41 00
<i>Libanus, " 17,</i>	25 00	17 00	42 00
<i>Grass Valley, " 18,</i>	38 50	38 50	77 00
<i>Trinity, " 19,</i>	18 00	13 00	31 00
<i>Franklin, " 20,</i>	51 00	30 00	81 00
<i>Sierra, " 21,</i>	30 50	20 50	51 00
<i>Petaluma, " 22,</i>	45 00	30 00	75 00
<i>Oliver, " 23,</i>	25 50	18 50	39 00
<i>La Fayette, " 24,</i>	11 50	11 50	23 00
<i>Georgetown, " 25,</i>	14 50	14 50	29 00
<i>Oakland, " 26,</i>	38 00	27 00	65 00

		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>Delta,</i>	No. 27.....	\$53 00	\$25 00	\$78 00
<i>Stockton,</i>	" 28.....	51 00	36 00	87 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 29.....	36 50	30 50	67 00
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30.....	22 50	19 50	42 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31.....	39 00	21 00	60 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33.....	31 50	26 50	58 00
<i>Alturas,</i>	" 34.....	47 50	18 50	66 00
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35.....	69 50	43 50	113 00
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 36.....	117 50	61 50	179 00
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37.....	44 00	23 00	67 00
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.....	16 00	16 00	32 00
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39.....	35 50	23 50	59 00
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40.....	63 50	27 50	91 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41.....	46 50	26 50	73 00
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42.....	56 00	30 00	86 00
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43.....	44 50	20 50	65 00
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44.....	55 50	19 50	75 00
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45.....	115 00	51 00	166 00
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46.....	42 00	29 00	71 00
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47.....	54 50	27 50	82 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48.....	41 50	22 50	64 00
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49.....	13 00	13 00	26 00
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50.....	30 00	17 00	47 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51.....	12 50	10 50	23 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52.....	41 00	21 00	62 00
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53.....	49 00	16 00	65 00
<i>Bodie,</i>	" 55.....	59 00	23 00	82 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56.....	40 00	17 00	57 00
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57.....	40 00	15 00	55 00
<i>Plumas,</i>	U. D.,.....	27 00	8 00	35 00
Making a total of.....		\$2780 00	\$1562 00	\$4342 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY, JAMES S. CRAWFORD, D. P. BYSTLE, J. M. RODGERS, GEO. H. GILBERT.	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

The Grand High Priest named the following Companions as a Special Committee:—

<i>On the decease of Comps. Mackey and Austin:</i>	{	Comp. William Abraham Davies, " William Wilson Traylor, " Isaac Sutvene Titus, " Jacob Hart Neff, " Wiley James Tinnin.
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The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Wednesday, April 12th, A. I., 2412. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, from the Committee on payment of Delegates, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of Chapters in attendance on the first day of the Convocation:—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
San Francisco,	1.....	\$127 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$ 6 00
Sonora,	" 2.....	21 00....	Paid.....	24 00
Sacramento,	" 3.....	104 00....	Paid.....	14 00
California,	" 5.....	125 50....	Paid.....	6 00
Nevada,	" 6.....	28 50....	Paid.....	26 00
Benicia,	" 7.....	10 50....	Paid.....	8 00
Shasta,	" 9.....	24 00....	Paid.....	34 60
Sutter,	" 11.....	28 00....	Paid.....	22 50
Merced,	" 12.....	18 00....	Paid.....	21 00
Washington,	" 13.....	51 00....	Paid.....	17 00
Howard,	" 14.....	37 00....	Paid.....	9 50
Cyrus,	" 15.....	16 50....	Paid.....	67 00
St. James,	" 16.....	16 50....	Paid.....	25 00
Libanus,	" 17.....	17 00....	Paid.....	-----
Grass Valley,	" 18.....	38 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	25 00
Trinity,	" 19.....	13 00....	Paid.....	47 50
Franklin,	" 20.....	30 00....	Paid.....	21 00
Sierra,	" 21.....	20 50....	Paid.....	56 00
Petaluma,	" 22.....	30 00....	Paid.....	8 00
Oliver,	" 23.....	13 50....	Paid.....	27 00
La Fayette,	" 24.....	11 50....	Paid.....	44 00
Georgetown,	" 25.....	14 50....	Paid.....	25 00
Oakland,	" 26.....	27 00....	Paid.....	6 00
Delta,	" 27.....	25 00....	Paid.....	19 00
Stockton,	" 28.....	36 00....	Paid.....	13 00
Manzanita,	" 29.....	30 50....	Paid.....	-----
Napa,	" 30.....	19 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	10 00
Martinez,	" 31.....	21 00....	Paid.....	8 00
Los Angeles,	" 33.....	26 50....	Paid.....	52 00
Alturas,	" 34.....	18 50....	Paid.....	41 00
Naval,	" 35.....	43 50....	Paid.....	8 00
Alameda,	" 36.....	61 50....	Paid.....	6 00
Siloam,	" 37.....	23 00....	Paid.....	21 50
Santa Cruz,	" 38.....	16 00....	Paid.....	13 00
Donner,	" 39.....	23 50....	Paid.....	-----
Red Bluff,	" 40.....	27 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	27 50
Temple,	" 41.....	26 50....	Paid.....	15 40
Chico,	" 42.....	30 00....	Paid.....	23 00

Name and Number of Chapter.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>Solano</i> , No. 43.....	\$20 50	Paid.....1st day.....	\$10 50
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44.....	19 50	Paid..... "	35 00
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45.....	51 00	Paid..... "	10 00
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46.....	29 00	Paid..... ————	—
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47.....	27 50	Paid.....1st day.....	63 50
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48.....	22 50	Paid..... "	12 50
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49.....	13 00	Paid..... "	16 00
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50.....	17 00	Paid..... "	50 00
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51.....	10 50	Paid..... "	47 00
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52.....	21 00	Paid..... ————	—
<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53.....	16 00	Paid.....1st day.....	20 50
<i>Bodie</i> , " 55.....	23 00	Paid..... "	75 50
<i>Keystone</i> , " 56.....	17 00	Paid..... "	59 00
<i>Signet</i> , " 57.....	15 00	Paid..... "	52 00
<i>Plumas</i> , U. D.....	8 00	—————	50 00
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	\$1562 00		\$1299 00

They also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest.....	\$52 00	Grand Treasurer,.....	6 00
Deputy Grand High Priest.....	14 00	Chairman Finance Com.,..	11 00
Grand King.....	6 00		
Grand Scribe.....	61 00	Total.....	\$150 00
	Amount allowed to Grand Officers.....		\$ 150 00
	Amount allowed to Delegates.....		1299 00

Total amount of allowances.....\$1449 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE E. SMITH, JAMES SINGLEY, H. C. LOTT, C. KELLOGG,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts ordered to be paid as recommended.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom had been referred the memorial of Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, reported verbally, that as the session of the Grand Chapter was near its close, the committee could not, for want of time, properly inquire into the matters referred to in said petition; they therefore recommended that the whole subject-matter thereof be referred to the Grand High Priest, and that such action in the premises be taken as to him may seem proper and necessary.

Which recommendation was adopted—

And, on motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the Grand Secretary was directed to telegraph to the High Priest of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, to stay all proceedings in the matter of charges against Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, until the further order of the Grand High Priest.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. We find them correct, and recommend that they be approved and published with the proceedings.

The official bonds of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, and of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the close of the Convocation of 1881, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

Expenses of Delegates, Convocation of 1882	\$1299 00
Expenses of Grand Officers, Convocation of 1882	150 00
Salary of Gr. Secretary and Chairman Com. on Corresp'dence, for year 1882, 1800 00	
Salary of Grand Organist	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard	25 00
Printing and binding Proceedings, 1882	700 00
Contingent Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office	175 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter	31 50
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	\$4505 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MEAD,	} Committee.
F. H. DAY,	
M. J. KEATING,	
H. N. RUCKER,	

Which report was concurred in, and the several recommendations were adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee on the decease of Comps. ALBERT G. MACKAY and JAMES M. AUSTIN, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your special committee, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as related to the decease of the distinguished companions of South Carolina and New York, Comps. MACKAY and AUSTIN, beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, We are reminded by the mournful announcement by our M. E. Grand High Priest of the decease of those eminent leaders in Masonry: therefore,

Resolved, That in Comp. ALBERT G. MACKAY, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, we recognized one who made the questions of the Masonic day his study, and exhibited an ability and research that honored the institution which had so repeatedly honored him. A leader among leaders. He has gone from among men, but his works shall live after him:

Resolved, That in Comp. JAMES M. AUSTIN, Past General Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, we have lost a Mason eminent for distinguished services to the Royal Craft. The companions of New York will mourn his departed worth from among the teachers—his co-laborers in the cause of humanity. He reached distinction through zeal, learning, and virtue combined. The world is better for his having lived, and his reward shall be in the pleasant memories of his companions:

Resolved, That a mourning page in the proceedings of the present session be devoted to the memories of Comps. MACKAY and AUSTIN, our "distinguished dead."

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
WM. W. TRAYLOR,	
ISAAC S. TITUS,	
J. H. NEFF,	

Which report was concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :—

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, .of <i>St. James</i> ,	No. 16 ;
Grand Lecturer,.....	" THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, of <i>Nevada</i> ,	No. 6 ;
Grand Capt. of the Host,	" BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE, .of <i>Petaluma</i> ,	No. 22 ;
Grand Royal Arch Capt.,	" MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, .of <i>San Francisco</i> ,	No. 1 ;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MEYER, . . . of <i>California</i> ,	No. 5 ;
Grand Guard,.....	" IRA COLBUEN ROOT, of <i>California</i> ,	No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed in their respective stations by the *M. . E. .* HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. . E. .* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, the *M. . E. .* HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :—

<i>On Jurisprudence :</i>	<i>On Finances :</i>
Comp. William Abraham Davies,	Comp. Frank Douglas Mead,
" Jacob Hart Neff,	" Franklin Henry Day,
" Henry Hay Knapp,	" Isaac Philanson Kincaid,
" Adolphus Hollub,	" Hiram Newton Rucker,
" Wiley James Tinnin.	" Henry Charles Lott.

<i>On Correspondence :</i>
Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,
" George Edwin Whitney,
" Adolphus Hewel,
" William Thompson Luther,
" Alfred Augustus Redington.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample form*.

WM. MONROE PETRIE,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST :

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS SACREDLY INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: G.: Albert Gallatin Mackey,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina,

— AND —

Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the
United States.

Born, Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1807.

Died, Old Point Comfort, Va., June 21, 1881.

A true man, a devoted Mason, and an eminent scholar and author;
his loss will be deeply felt by Masons wherever
Masonry exists.

“I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may
rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

“HIS SOUL SHALL DWELL AT EASE.”

This Mourning Page,

**BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: E.: James McMurray Austin, M. D.,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York,

— AND —

**Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the
United States. .**

Born, Salem, N. Y., November 12, 1813.

Died, New York City, December 3, 1881.

**A zealous, intelligent Mason; an honest, upright man,
His memory will forever be fresh in our hearts.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of the subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the

Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of December, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

17. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

18. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with, and such Chapter is free from debt.

19. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters: and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations so reported to him.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2412

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Isaac Philanson Kincaid, <i>High Priest</i> ,	David Charles Smith, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
George Edward Jones, <i>King</i> ,	Eugene William Nohl, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
John Jacob Luchsinger, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Waterman Baldwin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Gilman Prince, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Matthews Edgar, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Albert Warren, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Elfelt, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Dunbar Creigh, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Milton Hills Myrick,	Alfred Rising,
Adolphus Hollub, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim,
Louis Cohn,	Theodore Edward Smith,	Edward Taylor Anthony,
Martin John Burke,	Samuel Sternheim,	Michael James Keating.
John Rudolph Jarboe,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allenberg, Charles	Bauman, Sigmund	Boyd, Colin Macnicol
Anderson, James Wright	Behrendt, Herman	Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone
Anderson, Thomas	Berggren, August	Brandenstein, Meyer
Apgar, Richard Minor	Bergson, Ole	Brandt, Louis
Arnheim, Samuel Siegmund	Bilty, Theodore George	Brickwedel Henry
Bangs, Edward	Bingham, Henry Walker	Browell, Jeremiah
Barney, Benjamin Griffin	Blake, Henry Herbert	Brown, Brainard Charles
Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Blaney, Edward Wellington	Bryan, William
Bassett, Charles Fallen	Blankenstein, Henry	Bryan, Thomas
Baum, Simon	Boruck, Marcus Derkhien	Bunker, Henry Chase

Burnham, James William	Getz, Louis	McKew, John
Burns, Henry Jameson	Getz, Solomon	McKenzie, John Ross
Carson, James Gilmore	Giacomini, Giovanni Dom.	Mead, Lewis Riadon
Cartan, Francis Matthew	Giamboni, Natale	Mendelson, Solomon.
Chase, Charles Metaphor	Giannettoni, Malachia	Meyer, Charles
Christy, Robert Francis	Goldberg, Jacob	Michaels, Aaron William
Clinch, Charles Godfrey	Gordon, James Edward	Miller, Frederick Hain
Code, Philip D	Goyette, Joseph	Mohrhardt, Philip Freder'k
Cogswell, James LaFayette	Gray, John Samuel	Moore, Thomas
Cohen, Henry Lyon	Green, Adam Treadwell	Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Cohen, Simon	Greenberg, Henry Sampson	Mosgrove, Samuel
Congdon, Henry Bliss	Gross, Frank Wells	Murphy, John Charles
Connolly, James Edward	Hall, John Chase	Myers, William
Cooper, William	Hall, Thomas Day	Nagle, Peter Buck
Cressy, Albert	Hart, Marcus	Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Cronan, William	Hawley, Charles Augustus	Newberger, Gustavus
Curry, John	Hayes, George Walford	Newhall, Henry Mayo
Curry, Nathaniel	Heister, Amos Calvin	Newman, Carleton
Cutting, John Tyler	Herzo, John	Newman Isaac
Daneri, Antonio	Holt, Louis Frederick	Nickel, Lorenzo
Daniel, John	Hopkins, Peter	Nicolaysen, Frank
Davis, Henry Laurens	Hughes, John	Nutsen, Charles Andrew
Deveny, Peter	Hunt, John Henry	O'Connor, Cornelius
Doane, John Osbourne	Huntoon, Isaac Davenport	Parker, Charles Hubbard
Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Jackson, David Bonnard	Parker, John Henry
Dore, Benjamin	Jacoby, Augustus	Pearson, Henry Haven
Drucker, August	Jones, William	Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce
Dundas, Mowbray Robert	Kelly, John	Penny, James Orymes
Dunn, John	Kenitzer, Henry	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong
Dusenberg, Louis	Kerr, James Patterson	Pippee, Robert Norman
Edelman, Charles	King, Robert Irvine	Plummer, Benjamin Lucans
Edwards, Henry	Kittridge, Jonathan	Poly, Louis
Einstein, Morris	Kline, Henry	Porter, William Handy
Eisenberg, Isidor	Kohlman, Solomon	Prag, Martin
Emerson, John Augustus	Kohn, Isaac	Prescott, Charles Josephus
Enricht, Louis	Lachman, Albert	Purfurst, August Bernhard
Esberg, Mendel	Ladd, George Solon	Quirk, Thomas Francis
Fisher, Henry James	Janden, Martin Kuttner	Randall, George Clinton
Foorman, Samuel	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis	Reinhart, Benjamin
Foster, Samuel	Levy, Jacob	Reynolds, Leonard
Fox, Otto	Levy, Morris Bernhard	Richards, Charles Wesley
Frank, Emanuel Max	Levinsky, Marks	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Franz, Bernhard	Levison, George	Ritter, Charles August
Frapolli, Baptiste	Lewellyn, Reese	Roberts, John Charles
Fried Ignatius S	Lewis, William	Robinson, Cornelius Preston
Friedberg, Morris Solomon	Lucas, Robert Hume	Robinson, John Clare
Friedlander, Moritz	Mack, Adolph	Rosenbaum, Joseph
Fuller, Andrew Henry	Makins, James Nicholas	Rosenbaum, Julius
Gallagher, Edward M	Manheim, Isaac	Rosenbaum, Moses
Gallagher, John Patrick	Markewitz, Augustus	Saalburg, William
Gerhow, Frederick	Mayer, S Julius	Sabatíé, Phillippe Gabriel
Gerstenberg, Henry	McAllister, William Francis	Sahlein, Moses
Getz, Bernhard	McCann, Richard	Samuels, David
Getz, Joseph	McDonald, Robert	Sanborn, Albion Irving

Sawyer, Lorenzo	Stern, Louis	Wagner, Theodore Ferd. C.
Scharlin, John Aaron	Stern, Sigmund	Waters, Charles
Schoenfeld, Jacob	Stuart, William Adams	Wedekind, George Louis
Schweitzer, Jacob	Sweet, Solomon	Weed, Alexander
Schweitzer, Morris	Swift, Samuel	White, Robert Frank
Seller, Paul	Taibles, Maximilian	Whitefield, Rograld Elmer
Seitz, George	Thalheimer, Jacob	Williams, Henry
Smith, Charles Schieffelin	Thornhill, Joseph	Wilzinski, Marks
Smith, Charles Ward	Todd, David Byron	Wilson, Duncan Montrose
Spaulding, George	Triest, Bernhard	Wilson, Thomas Kingsbury
Sprague, Rufus William, Jr.	Turpin, Frederick Light	Wormser, Louis
Steffani, Camillo	Von Aspern, John	Wurkheim, Morris—254.
Steifel, Samuel		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Bunker, Charles Dimmock Van Sicklen, Frederick Wetherbee—2.

PAST MASTERS:

O'Brien, John Joseph Scott, Albert Woodburn—2. Robinson, John Clare—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Black, Henry Melvin	Ewing, Charles Gray	Saulmann, August
Bosworth, Henry Martyn	Gruenberg, Max	Van Vlack, Gilbert James
Carpenter, Augustine Dyer	Newfield, Marcus	—8.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Doane, Sharon Pratt	Kelly, Robert Price	Ross, Daniel W
Hawes, Elisha	McLeod, James	Whiting, Henry Herpeine
Johnson, Henry	Robitscheck, Herman	—8.

DIED:

Craig, Peter	Madison, John Henry	Solomon, Albert—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	222	Withdrawn.....	8
Exalted	48	Suspended for non-payment dues	8
Affiliated.....	2	Died.....	3
Restored	1—273.	Now borne upon the roll.....	254—273.

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Solomon Benas, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alonzo Colby, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Gustave Rudorff, <i>King,</i>	John Mundorf, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Carroll Bush, <i>Scribe,</i>	Archibald Patterson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles Edward Lang, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Moore Hampton, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Eduard Keil, <i>Secretary,</i>	George Winnie, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Peter Klein, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Francis Anthony Prassa, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Francis Anthony Prassa,	Edward Skinner	Gideon Wing,
Alvin Bacon Preston,	Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,	Solomon Benas,
Isaac Newton McCulloch,	James Bell,	Alonzo Colby.
Stephen Wing.		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bach, William Francis	Foersterling, Louis, Jr.	Parsons, Edmond
Bacon, Martin	Haslacher, Jacob	Sivening, Henry
Barlow, Abraham	Lampson, Royal Mills	Stinson, James
Booth, James Godfrey	Mathews, James	Valpey, Abraham Martin
Byrd, Francis Jahew	Mann, John Christian	Wilson, Richard Montgom'y
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Means, Andrew Jackson	Wade, Charles Frederick
Carter, John Beach	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Yancy, Tryon Milton—42.
Collins, John		

RESTORED:

Yancy, Tryon Milton—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Reed, Abner Sharrock, Evrard—2.

DIED:

Faxon, Frederick

Oppenheimer, Benjamin

Ryan, William Henry—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45	Suspended for non-payment dues.. 2
Affiliated..... 1	Died 3
Restored..... 1—47.	Now borne upon the roll..... 42—47.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alfred Augustus Redington, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Edward Oughton, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Cornelius Kellogg, <i>King</i> ,	Alexander John Gardiner, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Joseph Davey, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edwin Glover, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Anthony Egl, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John William Barrett, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Buckley Davis, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Daniel McKay, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John McArthur, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Powell Samuel Lawson,	Charles Mortimer Cogan,
William Franklin Knox,	William Monroe Petrie,	John Chilton Burch,
Francis Foster,	William Buckley Davis,	Creed Haymond.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Acock, Thomas Lafayette	Berkey, Thomas Henry	Caswell, William Averill
Adams, Oliver Miller	Bliss, Sidney	Champlin, Nelson
Alexander Benj. Franklin	Block, Maurice	Clark, Thomas William
Allen, John Francis	Boyd, John Walter	Cluness, William Robert
Allen, Robert	Brewington, Benj. Smith	Cohn, Edward Francis
Arrasmith, Vernon	Bryding, Peter	Coolledge, Isaac Baldwin
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Burnham, James Henry	Cook, Frank Herbert
Bair, Darius H	Bush, George Thompson	Cook, Hiram
Ball, Charles Henry	Butler, Stephen William	Crocker, Henry Smith
Bartels, William	Calderwood, Job Francis	Croly, Edward James
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Carey, George William	Cunningham, John Austin
Baquer, Joseph	Carey, John Thomas	Dale, Richard
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Carlson, Edward	Davis, Jacob Zeigler

Davis, James Gilliland	Hubbs, Anthony	Peters, Robert James
Davis, William Hewson	Huggins, Henri Tyler	Peterson, William Fred'ick
Day, James Thompson	Hull, Joseph	Phillips, George
Dennerly, Alphonse	Hunt, William Smith	Phillips, Louis
Dennerly, Bernard	Huntoon, William Frederick	Poole, Josiah
Denson, Samuel Crawford	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.	Porter, James Nichols
Domingos, John	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	Putnam, George Alfred
Dresher, Valentine	Jagau, Hans Bernhard Wm.	Rademacher, Charles
Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Inwalle, John Joseph	Rath, Elias
Dwyer, Michael	Irvine, William John	Ressegue, James Gleason
Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Jackson, William Franklin	Robinson, Robert
Eickhoff, John Henry	Jacobs, Enoch	Sawyer, James C
Fleming, Frank	Jenkins, George W.	Sindelar, Joseph
Forbes, Robert	Johnson, Julian Workman	Smith, Benjamin
Foster, James Stuart	Johnston, William	Smith, Joshua Hughes
Fox, Thomas	Jones, Edward Augustus	Smith, Frank Augustus
Foy, Frederick Mathias	Jones, William Rowland	Smith, Thomas
Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Kay, Samuel	Spinks, Alfred
Frank, Samuel	Knights, William Durant	Stanley, Leander
Frazee, Robert Smith	Knights, William Rudd	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer
Frost, Amos Locke	Krebs, Charles Henry	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm
Gallatin, Albert	Lavenson, Samuel	Stober, Frederick Conrad
Gerson, Samuel	Leloy, Louis	Talbot, John
Gillis, Dongald	Levison, Jacob	Taverner, George
Giraud, Eugene	Levy, Bernard	Trope, Peter
Gonnet, Adrian	Levy, Edward Roger	Tubbs, John Charles
Gottlieb, Samuel	Libby, Warren Thompson	Tufts, Albert Currier
Griffitts, John T	Lightner, Bonus	Ulp, Alfred
Gruhler, John	Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Haines, Gabriel	Locke, George Washington	Vermilya, Abram John
Hammer Luther Kertz	Lyon, Edward	Wachhorst, Herman
Hammer, Mosheim Schm'er	Maier, Jacob Fred. William	Walker, Myron Philo
Hammond, Edwin	Marvin, Frank William	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Harbison John S	Merrill, John Francis	Webster, Samuel Excoelsior
Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Metcalfe, Charles Wesley	Welch, Benjamin
Harper, Thomas	McAllister, Adam Armstrong	Welch, George Drake
Harris, Elias Bramon	McConnell, Thomas	West, Daniel
Haskell, Dudley Haines	McCormack, Charles	White, George Amos
Hatch, James Darrow	McLaughlin, William	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette	Miller, John Henry	Willis Evander Berry
Hawkins, William	Miller, Peter Andrew	Willis, William Ladd
Hevener, William Henry	Miller, William Buchanan	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Hillier, Theodore	Montgomery, George	Willard, David Wright
Hoag, William Moffit	Morse, Stephen Turner	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Hoehn, Jacob	Nathan, Samuel	Woods, Jonas Stansbury
Hogg, John Milton	Neusbaum, Abraham R. C.	Woodburn, James
Holmes Henry T	Ochsner, John	Yoeck, August Charles
Houghton, William Alton	O'Neil, James	Young, John Nellis
Howell, Sidney Algernon	Pacheco, Romualdo	Zimmerman, Christian—208.
Hubbard Cyrus Hayden	Palmer, Asa John Wood	

MARK MASTERS:

Irvine, Richard Culver

Schroth, John George—2.

RESTORED :

WITHDRAWN:

Kimball, Gorham Gates Rothfeld, Sigmund—2.

DIED:

Brougham, Frederick Pierce Kercheval, Reuben Wick, Robert Kerr—4.
Davis, Jerome Cox

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	197	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	15	Excluded.....	2
Affiliated.....	2	Died.....	4
Restored.....	2—216.	Now borne upon the roll.....	208—216.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Franklin Henry Day, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Gardner Waters, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Lyman Haskell, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Henry Dowling, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Joseph McMath, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Joseph Gardner Baston, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Throop Graves, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Timothy Hopkins, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Martin August Wm. Schreiber, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Alexander Martin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist</i> ,
	James Oglesby, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Reuben Edgar Raimond,	Jesse Combes Reed,
William Henry Lyon,	Abraham Halsey,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Franklin Henry Day,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	William Wilson Traylor, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
William Thos. Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
John Francis Snow,	Thomas Kyle,
Hiram Throop Graves,	Charles Morton Radcliff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Alfred Cooleedge Waitt,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Leonidas E Pratt,	Isaac Sutvene Titus, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
John Elbridge Purdy,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abell, Walter S	Boswell, Solomon Bailey	Castle, Stephen
Allen, William Henry	Bragg, Robert	Center, John
Angus, John Archibald	Bridge, William Edward	Center, William
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Bacon, Joseph Snowden	Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Chealey, Charles Palmer
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Bromley, George Tisdale	Churchill, Clark
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'gers	Brooks, Thomas Hubbard	Clark, Alvah Kittredge
Bell, John	Browning, Jeremiah	Cockrill, Theo. Guevara
Benson, John Adelbert	Bruner, Wm. Happersatt	Coey, James
Berryman, Henri Burpee	Burges, Tristram	Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff
Best, John Tritten,	Butler, Alban Bernard	Cox, Henry
Blake, James William	Campbell, Robert	Cox, Palmer
Blaser, John Christian	Campbell, Walter Channcey	Crawford, John Jones

Cummings, Walter Bailey	Jones, Cyrus Winship	Periam, Charles James
Dalbey, Edgar Wilson	Jones, William	Peterson, Arthur Simison
Dalton, Franklin	Jones, William Arthur	Pierce, George Lincoln
Daltop, Thomas Benton	Kaeding, Chas. Van Buren	Plate, Henry Augustus
Damon, George Dimick	Kelly, Robert Gabriel	Plum, Charles Mortimer
Davis, Edmund Smith	Kennedy, Frank	Porter, Thomas Alexander
Davis, Isaac Elphinstone	Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice	Powell, Robert Baldwin
Dean, Peter	Kenyon, Curtis George	Preston, Edgar Frank
Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Kimball, Moses Coombe	Price, Thomas
Dickinson, John Henry	King, Henry Lewis	Prior, John Lewis
Dougherty, Charles Medley	King, John	Reavis, William Henry
Dutton, Samuel Edwards	King, Joseph Libbey	Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Eagleson, John Geddes	Kinne, Charles Mason	Richards, William Henry
Earl, John Ogden	Koefoed, Charles Jean	Rout, Ira Colburn
Earle, Henry Halford	Kub, Leopold	Rundell, William Mason
Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Laird, David White	Russell, John Adam
Eastman, Frank	Landers, John	Ryan, Michael
Easton, Wendell	Lewis, Edwin	Schoder, Joseph
Edgar, Dan Joseph	Leydecker, Theo. William	Scott, Shailer Mackintosh
Estee, Morris March	Lloyd, Reuben Hedley	Scott, Thomas William
Ewell, Luther Jerome	Lyman, Charles	Seaton, Horace Henry
Fake, George John	Macdonald, William	Seymour, Simon Harry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer	Mann, Azro Levi	Shaeffer, John Werner
Flint, Brilford Pease	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.	Shattuck, David Dustin
Flynn, Martin	McAleer, Edward Charles	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury
Foot, Henry Du Quesnet	McClure, David	Short, Peter
Foree, George Haynes	McComb, John	Shrader, Andrew Jackson
Foster, Arthur William	McConnell, Chalmers N'w'n	Sjmons, Charles Gustavus
Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah	McCullough, H. Van Schaick	Smith, Adrian Russell
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	McLane, George Milligan	Smith, Edwin Lawrence
Garratt, William Thompson	McLennan, Donald	Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Gilmore, Archibald Neill	McMillan, Daniel	Smith, Stephen Heufy
Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Mentz, John Henry	Spencer, Lowell Brown
Hall, Robert	Merry, William Lawrence	Stadtfeld, Jacob
Hamilton, Hiram Milton	Middleton, Frank	Stafford, William Gardner
Hanson, Ed'ard Henscheldey	Miller, Stephen Baldwin	Stanley, Samuel Lewis
Harney, William	Montague, Wilford Weed	Starbird, Albion Wilson
Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn	Moore, Arthur Weld	Steiger, Charles Rudolphe
Highton, Henry Edward	Moore, Elliott Josiah	Steiner, Nicholas
Hildebrandt, Carsten	Moore, Robert Henry	Stevens, William Emerson
Hodge, John Graham	Morgan, John Stillwell	Stringer, William James
Horton, Thomas Rotch	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton	Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel
Hotaling, Anson Parsons	Muller, John	Sumner, Frank William
Hotchkiss, Henry Wells	Nagel, William	Swift, James Flitcroft
Howard, Horace Zerah	Neal, Charles Sanders	Taylor, John Brinkworth
Howe, George Washington	Newhall, Edwin White	Taylor, John Ward
Ingalls, John Newton	Newhall, Harry Gregory	Thomas, Thomas
Jackson, Alden W	Noroross, Daniel	Thompson, Lucius
Jacobs, Albert	O'Conner, Thomas Michael	Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Jaynes, Frank	Osgood, George	Thrall, Henry Homer
Jeffers, Milo Sidney	Otersen, Herman	Torrence, John
Jeffray, William	Partridge, Edward Briggs	Tripp, George Albert
Johnson, George	Payne, Warren Ritch	Tustin, William Isaac
Johnson, John Munroe	Pendergast, James Albert	Van Denburgh, Alison

Vanderslice, William Keyser	Watkins, William Hartley	Williamson, Robert Stockton
Van Duser, Oliver	Wells, Charles Henry	Wilson, Charles
Vollmer, Edward	Wells, William	Wilson, James Knox Polk
Wadsworth, James C. Luke	Wheeler, Jacob	Woodlock, John
Warren, Robert William	Wilde, Francis Brooke	Wooster, John Benjamin
Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert	Wilkins, James Malcolm	Wylie, James—251.
Waters, George Latham		

RESTORED:

Flynn Martin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Haraszthy, Arpad	Pickens, Joseph Alexander	Wadhams, Luman
Johnston, William David	Pollock, James Crawford	Wetherbee, Calvin Hale
Luty, John Samuel		—7.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bullis, Omri	Skelly, James Henry	Tyrrell, John Haydon—5.
Ramsdell, Benjamin Hatch	Thompson, John Henry	

DIED:

Harrington, John Conly	Trueworthy, Francis Marion—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	230	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted.....	30	Suspended for non-payment dues.	5
Affiliated.....	4	Died.....	2
Restored.....	1—265.	Now borne upon the roll	261—265.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Kaskil Casper, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John McBrown, <i>King</i> ,	Edwin David Bridges, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Sanford Orrin Pease, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Barton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Philip Richards, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Daniel Marsh, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	David Eddy Morgan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Halstead Stansfield, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Holmes, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priest:

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,
Thomas Mein,	Halstead Stansfield.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brown, John Earl	Faull, George	Long, William David
Buffington, John Mason, Jr.	Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Marsh, Martin Luther
Chapman, Lucius Homer	Floyd, William	McBean, John
Crandall, Orman	Goldsmith, Abraham	McElvy, Charles
Dill, John	Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel	McNulty, Henry
Donald, James	Hale, Horace	Montgomery, John
Duryea, William Henry	Hampton, Elisha	Naffziger, Jacob
Ennis, Franklin	Hathaway, Francis Marion	Nelson, Ole Amos
Evans, John	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Niles, Addison Cook

Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Rose, David	Siddles, Milan Burchard
Powers, George S	Rose, James	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Preston, Edward Myers	Sanders, Josiah	Tilley, Edwin
Reid, James	Searls, Niles	White, James
Richards, William Gilbert	Shaw, George Crawford	Williamson, Levi—57.
Roberts, William Anderson		

DIED:

Dickson, John Hutton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....52	Died.....1
Exalted.....5	Now borne upon the roll.....57—58.
Affiliated.....1—58.	

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.**Benicia, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

George Poor, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wm. Robert Campbell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Thomas McKay, <i>King,</i>	John Mounce, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Murdoch McArthur, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Sharpenger, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Reuger, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Green Johnson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Edward William Sanborn, <i>Secretary,</i>	Archibald McDonell, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Timothy Sage, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John William Kelly, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Timothy Sage,

George Poor.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Danforth, Edwin	Mathewson, William	Spalding, Charles
Long, Michael Henry	McKenzie, Allan	Stuart, Robert
Mathewson, John	Mizner, Lansing Bond	Von Pfister, Edward Horatio
		—21.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....18	Now borne upon the roll.....21—21.
Exalted.....3—21.	

SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.**Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolph Dobrowsky, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel Potter Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Elijah Mason Dixon, <i>King,</i>	Edwin Leland Baldwin, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Elbridge Garry Parker, <i>Scribe,</i>	Herman Frederick Ross, <i>Master 3d Vail.</i>
Gunther Fred'k Chas. Shroeter, <i>Treas.,</i>	James Freeman Scammon, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Ely Hoppling, <i>Secretary,</i>	John William Garden, <i>Master 1st Vail.</i>
Morwimer Cherberry Allen, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Ulysses Richard Lord, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Adolph Dobrowsky,* Daniel Potter Bystle, Joseph Well.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Charles	Mitchell, Marshal Alex.	Souter, John
Andrew, William	Moore, Joseph	Swain, Alex. Cartwright
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Nichols, James Levin	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Averill, George Warren	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin	Syme, John
Chappell, James Nathan	Recardo, John D	Taylor, Clay Webster
Coleman, Adorum	Reagan, James	Taylor, Holloway
Guptill, William Neal	Reinecke, Christopher	Webb, John Paxton
Huester, Louis Frederick	Reynolds, John Edward	Weil, David
Hull, Sylvester	Saulon, Andrea	Weil, Sigmond
Leiter, Julius	Scott, John Varner	Wimmer, James Moses
Martin, Rufus Franklin	Shearin, Daniel Thomas	Witherow, Samuel Newton
Matlock, David B	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall	—48.

PAST MASTER:

Lodge, Robert James—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Wellendorff, Louis—1.

DIED:

Farquahar, George Carruth Pryor, Athanasius—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....5—51.	Died.....	2
	Now borne upon the roll	48—51.

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.

Sutter Creek, Amador County.

Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Lithgow, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Kay, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas Dunlap, <i>King,</i>	Morris Brinn, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
David Thomas Davies, <i>Scribe,</i>	Robert Redpath, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Vincent, Lutnesky, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Henry Gunsolus, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Alonzo King Dudley, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edward Converse Voorhies, <i>Mas. 1st Vail,</i>
John McDougal Post, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Jelemina, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward, Robert Aitken, John Lithgow.
John Whitten Surface.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, James	Coaner Robert	Marchant, John
Allen, George	Fagan, Peter	McLaine, Laughlin
Bell, William	Farley, James Thompson	Manon, Samuel Sandford
Bennetts, William Arthur	Ford, Henry Darnell	McMurray, James William
Berryman, Andrew	Frates, Frank	Milliken, Jesse
Campbell, John Miss	Hall, Henry Frank	Miller, John
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Houston, John Weakley	Newman George
Coolledge, Walter Scott	Isaacs, Bernard	Oulds, John

Patterson, David Anderson	Spagnolia, Sylv'r Giovanni	Sutherland, William
Poundstone, Laurence Ryder	Spagnolia, Benedito	Surface, James Philip
Purinton, Columbus Allen	Steinberger, John Adam	Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Richardson, Lorenzo C'lins	Stewart, James Franklin	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Robinson, Robert	Stewart, Samuel Decount	R. Whitlach, Daniel Henry
Russell, John Elisha	Stevens, James Bounty	—56.

PAST MASTER:

Perkins, John Dabney

WITHDRAWN:

Adams, John Quincey Robertson, Peter Sterling—2.

EXCLUDED:

Reardon, John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 3—59.	Excluded..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....56—59.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.**Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Adolph Simon, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Silas Wright Geis, <i>King</i> ,	Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Lewis Silman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Richard Langbien, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Isaac Henry Jacobs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
Aaron Badt, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Nicholas Breen, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William John Hart, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Hall, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles Macmurdo Blair,	John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon,
Mark Howell,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,	Hiram Newton Rucker.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, William	Coffman, William Franklin	Means, William Leland
Barfield, George Hardwick	Crittenden, John Leander	Meany, Anthony James
Becker, Frederick	Grade, William Adolph	Moore, Edwin
Bink, Henry	Hardwick, William Jeffer'n	Rose, Henry Christopher
Bibby, Nicholas	Harris, Charles Parsons	Stoneroad, George Washt'n
Burton, Thomas Newton	Howeth, Nelson	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Chapman, Emery Washin'n	Jones, Lewis Fuller	—36.

PAST MASTER:

Jacobs, Elias—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bradford, Abram Clark—1.

DIED:

Wynn, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 2—38.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....36—38.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Charles Lott, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Lemuel Trescott Crane, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Henry Gerkin, <i>King</i> ,	Jesse Beach Fuller, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Ernest, Eliceno Thompson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hiram Franklin Deaner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Adoniram Judson Batchelder, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Chase, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Richard Goas Stanwood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jeremiah Andrew Saul, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Frederick Low Krause, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Fisher, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Lee Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Thomas Hugh Steel,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	Frederick Buttelmann	Henry Charles Lott.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,	Lemuel Trescott Crane,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Francis Wm. Howard	Harrington, Chris. Clark	McCargar, Harman
Anderson, T. Hart Benton	Harrold, Ebenezer Nelson	McKenzie, James Buchanan
Baird, George Hall	Hoag, George Winfield	McNutt, John Fleming
Barnes, Avery Powers	Hochstadter, Adolph	Meek, Emerson Emmett
Barrie, John Ferguson	Hochstadter, Simon	Millar, Robert
Barthe, Eugene	Holland, George	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Hollingshead, Jos. Easton	North, George
Belcher, William Caldwell	Hortop, Philip	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Belding, Lyman	Hudson, Edward Henry	Parks, William Henry
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Hunter, William	Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow
Bomatter, Charles	Hutchins, Gavin Walker	Peffer, John
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith
Caldwell, Arthur Brooks	Jones, William Price	Ross, Samuel Haws
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Jones, James Thaddeus	Slingsby, William
Clark, Levi Blasdell	Jones, Richard	Soderland, Johannes
Covillaud, Charles Julian	Keser, Louis	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Davis, Edwin Amenzio	Keymer, James	Sullivan, John Lyon
Decker, Peter	Keyser, Philip Walter	Swain, William Caldwell
Depuy, Edward Spencer	Knight, David Edgar	Teegarden, Eli
Dougall, Thomas	Kopf, Claus	Thom, David, Jr.
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Kosby, Augustus Emil	Tomb, Jacob
Eastman, James Frederick	Lask, Joseph	Van Fleet, William
Ellis, William Turner	Logan, Anderson Dabney	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Flint, Joseph A	Marcuse, Meyer A	White, Amasa Willey
Friend, William	Marcuse, Marcus	Wightman, Avery Isaac
Gianella, Vincenzo	Marker, Henry Bowman	Wilcox, Caleb Elisha
Gibson, Alexander	Mason, William Ferington	Willey, Amasa Parker
Hamlin, Norman Scott	Mattison, Charles	Wilson, Sanford Ellis -102.

MARK MASTER:

Housen, Alonzo-1.

RESTORED:

Gibson, Alexander-1.

WITHDRAWN:

Crooks, John Edwin

Hutchinson, Samuel

Kernan, Thomas Hugh-3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Holland, Crawford

Stafford, Joshua

Whitebread, William Cezar

DIED:

Dickey, James Thomas—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	101	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted	7	Suspended for non-payment dues	4
Affiliated	1	Died	1
Restored	1—110.	Now borne upon the roll.....	102—110.

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wilson Hays, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wilbur Justus Wilcox, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Larkin Woodrow, <i>King</i> ,	Andrew Finley McAfee, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Augustus Griffin Bennett, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Orrin Francis Mann, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
William De Witt Tisdale, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Fred Sanford Coffin, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
William Fred Ellis, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Winfield Blanchard, <i>Mas. 1st Val</i> ,
Daniel C Dunn, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Jacob Moser, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	William Osman Breyfogle,
George May,	Henry Howard Cook,	Wilson Hays.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andrews, Hardage Lane	Hopkins, Isaiah Litter	Reither, Jacob
Arnold, Austin	Jackson, William Andrew	Roberts, Return
Arnold, Charles Henry	Keith, John Matthew	Rowley, Albanus Belger
Bennett, George Edmund	Laine, Thomas Henry	Rucker, Joseph Edmundson
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Lenzen, Theodore	Sargent, James Pattee
Black, James Francis	Lighthall, George Elisha	Sexton, William
Blair, Thomas Henry	Lowrie, John	Scott, Alexander Franklin
Boring, Samuel Watson	Marston, Samuel Ingersoll	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Bowen, Alfred	Martin, William Joseph	Sim, George
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	McClosky, Thomas	Stephens, Columbus Cecil
Bray, George	McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram
Brown, Jeremiah Yancy	McKee, George Butterfield	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw
Castle, Alex. Wilson	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Vandine, Eben
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Wagener, Samuel Hopkins
Dangherty, Wm. Wallace	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Weller, Henry Olp
Fallon, Thomas	Mott, John	Wells, Proctor R
Finch, Philetus	Northern, William Leander	Whidden, George Ackerman
Hamilton, Alonzo Rabbitt	Peacock, Geo. Washington	Williams, Edward
Haydock, William Henry	Priest, Richard Turner	Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—74.
Hollis, William Henry		

MARK MASTERS:

Cory, Benjamin	Ladd, Morris	Wright, Henry Ward—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Moyle, Isaiah	Ohnstein, Oscar	Weymouth, James Lambert—3.
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EXCLUDED:

Warthen, Albert—1.

DIED:

Gerdes, John Christian Mayers, Christian—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	75	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	3	Excluded.....	1
Affiliated.....	2—80.	Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	74—80.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Louis Constantine Huseman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Vance, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>King</i> ,	John William Bird, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
David Horn, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Francis Riley, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Morris Walbridge, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Andrew Edward Schwatka, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Claus Schnackenberg, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Daniel Ream,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	John William Bird,
Abisha Swain,	John Morris Walbridge,	Louis Constantine Huseman,
James Vance,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amos, Thomas	Eddy, William	Castleton	Osterman, Jurgen
Brown, Alex. Mitchell	Fabricius, Andrew	Jackson	Owens, Alexander
Carrick, Elijah	Jones, John	Johnson	Rogers, Franklin
Crooks, Andrew	Donaldson	Knight, George	Horace
Diggles, James	Alden	McConnell, William	
Doten, Josiah	Wilson	Nichols, Henry	
Durand, George			White, Samuel—33.

RESTORED:

Thompson, John Waldo—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Thompson, John Waldo—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	33	Withdrawn.....	1
Restored.....	1—34.	Now borne upon the roll.....	33—34.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.

Placerville, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>King</i> ,	George Burnham, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Samuel Jemison Alden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Washington Barlow, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
Guiseppo Rolletti, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Fraser, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frederick Ferdinand Bars, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,

Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Barss, Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, George Heirn Gilbert.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Avansino, Nicola	Gelwicks, Daniel William	Page, Horace Francis
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hamel, Henry	Peirce, Charles Caleb
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilair
Bowe, Edward Young	Hunger, Frederick	Schneider, John
Cello, Carlo Guiseppo	Mack, George Franklin	Theisen, John
Danz, Paul	Miller, Daniel Rice	Van Voorhies, Ralph Jos'h
Deuch, John William	Miller, John Wesley	Yeadon, William—33.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Norton, David Edson—1.

DIED:

Chalmers, Robert Cocking, Stephen Kennedy, Andrew Jackson—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	35	Suspended for non-payment of dues	1
Exalted.....	2—37.	Died.....	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	33—37.

LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.

Iowa Hill, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

John Floyd Van Divier, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Ross, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Jasper Rich, <i>King</i> ,	William Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Green Wolfe, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Chester Hackett, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Truman Allen Stevens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
William Clinton Rich, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Beaugard Hobson, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Edward George Spencer, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	George Jones, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich, James Ross, John Floyd Van Divier.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Hyman, Samuel	Mill, William
Carder, James Byron	Ingersoll, Darius	Mitchell, Edward
Chinn, James Weeks	Jacobs, James Munroe	Smiley, Albert Parah
Christy, William	Jones, Owen	Smith, Jonathan Mitchell
Coker, Gould Carleton	Juergensen, Peter Nicolai	Vaughan, Daniel Jackson
Devey, Henry F.	Lewis Robert	White, William King
Gould, Willis Fish	Graw, Dennis Joseph	Youder, John Franklin—34.
Hammill, Henry		

WITHDRAWN:

Biabee, John Gould Just, John Peter Mitchell, John Henry—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	35	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	2—37.	Now borne upon the roll.....	34—37.

GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Peter Johnston, <i>King,</i>	Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Vincent, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Herman Uphoff, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary,</i>	Henry Williams, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Honsting Whiting, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble,	Alex'r Buchanan Brady,	Reuben Leach.
William McCormick,	Edward Coleman,	John Crisp Coleman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Robert	Fricot, Jules	Noel, Richard
Andrews, James	Gad, Bernard	Noel, James Clymer
Angove, John	Gluyas, James	Noonan, Patrick
Bennallack, James	Granger, Samuel	Pears, Joseph
Berg, Alfred	Halleck, Joseph	Poiglaes, John
Berriman, Henry	Hand, William Dawson	Price, Briccoe Hugh
Binkelman, David	Hand, William Henry	Rhatigan, John
Bryant, David	Hatch, Martin Payne	Roberts, Edmund Wilson
Bryant, William Henry	Hooper, James	Roland, Louis Jerome
Burnie, Alexander	Husom, Andrew	Sanders, John
Oaddy, Richard	Jones, William C	Saxon, Edward
Oatron, William	Kemp, Robert	Saxon, James
Champion, James	Kendig, Daniel	Smith, Charles Woolson
Clift, William	Loney, Christopher	Spencer, William Kenyon
Coombs, William	Long, Stephen	Stoddard, Alexander
Coombe, William	Lowrey, Richard Daniel	Stoddard, Orlando
Crocker, John Ross	Majors, John Newton	Stoddard, Walter Scott
Dorsey, John Jacob	Mitchell, William Henry	Stokes, William Charles
Douglass, William	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Vogelman, Henry
Dunston, William	Moore, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Rolla—77.
Fairhurst, Geo. Washington		

EXCLUDED:

Clough, Jonathan Converse—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....77	Excluded.....1
Affiliated.....1—78.	Now borne upon the roll77—78.

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TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.**Weaverville, Trinity County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John McMurray, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Clifton Mason, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>King,</i>	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jacob Paulsen, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Peter Paulsen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Betty Essick, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John William Philbrook, <i>Secretary,</i>	David Harden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Champion W Smith, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,	Wiley James Tinnin,	James Harvey.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Black, Peter Paterson	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Raab, Louis Frederick
Given, William Cushing	Miller, Thomas Leve	Rowles, James
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Musser, John	Van Matre, George
Harvey Alfred	Pickett, James Madison	Vollmers, Otto—26.

PAST MASTERS:

Hackett, George J Smith, John Huson—2.

MARK MASTER:

Shuford, John William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hosmer, Nelson

Whitebread, Adolphe—2.

DIED:

Diener, Gottlieb Frederick Eastman, Charles Brooks Smiley, John Wesley—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	31—31.	Withdrawn.....	2
		Died.....	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	26—31.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.**Oreville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Carleton Gray, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Homer Chappell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Arthur McDermott, <i>King,</i>	Louis Wilhelm Hoops, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Edward Jennings Davis, <i>Scribe,</i>	Frederick Adams Sprague, <i>Mas. 3d Vail.</i>
Ralzemond Parker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Hart Wilcox, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Nathaniel Dunbar Plum, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Boughton Hewett, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Warren Sexton, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Constantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Callow,	Arthur McDermott,	George Henry Crosette,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Thomas Jarrett Jenkins,	Charles Hart Wilcox.
George Clement Perkins,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bayles, David	Glass, Louis	Meredith, John Robert
Beall, John	Goodday, Louis	Mortimer, George
Bloch, Joseph	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Perkins, David King
Bowden, James Frederick	Hartson, Charles Gardner	Powell, David
Branscom, John	Hays, David Bright	Pratt, Enoch Henry
Buchanan, Phil. Goodridge	Heintz, Thibaud	Ruggles, Elijah Star
Burroughs, Charles	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Simon, Lewis Aaron
Butler, Chas. Frederick	Hida, Jehu	* Sjoberg, Anders Gustaf
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Hundley, Patrick Ogilby	Sparks, Eben Morrison
Dyer, George Washington	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd	Stearns, Amos Kies
Edmunds, William	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Taber, Floyd
Faulkner, Thomas	Logan, James Columbus	Wagner, Frank
Featherstone, William	McBeth, John	Wells, Michael Henry
Fleming, Thomas Robert,	McDermott, William Patrick	Young, Henry George—60.
Foreman, William		

RESTORED:

Sparks, Eben Morrison—1.

DIED:

Davis, Samuel Joshua—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	54	Died.....	1
Exalted.....	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	60—61.
Restored.....	1—61.		

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downsville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Byington, <i>King</i> ,	George C. Martin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Brown Crooks, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jacob Lewis, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ryan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	David Livingston Whitney, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Strange, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Warner,

William Thompson Luther.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbe, George Henry	Hanley, William A.	Thom, Alexander
Bernhardt, Lewis	Jones, John Oscar	Thomas Henry
Bradbury, John T	Melone, Rowland Cusin	Wallis, Hiram Wilesey
Busch, August Christopher	McGregor, James	Wayland, William Allen
Blohm, John August	McNaughton, Donald	West, John Thorrensues
Clute, John Howard	McNaughton, James	Weir, Hiram George
Culbert, William	Peacock, James Richard	Wilcox, Schuyler Nind
Ellery, Henry, Jr.	Ross, John	Wilkins, William
Erschbacher, Franz Antone	Stewart, Samuel Curtis	Williams, Thomas—41.
Gale, John	Thatcher, Peter	

* Formerly returned—Lawson, Andrew Jackson.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Doud, Washington Cicero—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	89	Suspended for non-payment of dues 1
Exalted.....	8—42.	Now borne upon the roll.....41—42.

PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.

Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Noah William Scudder, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
William Emery Cox, <i>King</i> ,	Henry Payne Brainard, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Thomas Robert Jacobs, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albion Paris Whitney, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
William Zartman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Baur, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Ephraim Polk, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
John Boyd Christie, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Singley,	Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,	William Barnabas Haskell.
Thomas Jefferson Graham,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bihler, William	Heineken, Herman Albert	Taft, Hiram Fayette
Bonetti, Luca	Hill, William	Temple, Conrad
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Kahn, Achille	Thompson, Jeff'son Asberry
Burnham, Charles Franklin	Knowles, James Hulme	Tomasini, Louis
Cavanagh, John	Lackey, Alexander	Tomasini, Juliano
Collins, Franklin Miller	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Matteo
Cox, William Edwin	Lippitt, Edward Spalding	Veale, William Roe
Dinwiddie, Jas. Lockridge	Merritt, John	Van Doren, John Suydam
Dreyfuss, Edward	Mitchner, Jonathan	Walter, Isaac M
Fairbanks, Hiram Tobbert	Moffit, John	Wickersham, Jesse O
Fairbanks, Dolphe Brice	Pedrazzini, Louis	Wiswell, Joseph Alonzo
Falkner, Miles Henry	Pierce, Abraham Jewell	Yeomans, Charles
Gilbert, Platt Benedict	Poehlmann, Conrad	Zartman, George Wash'ton
Grandi, Salvatore	Rugg, William Hazen	Zook, Francis Kurtz—60.
Haubrick, Leonard	Schroyer, Aaron	

RESTORED:

Shaver, John

Taft, Hiram Fayette—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Bean, Asahel Adams
McClymonds, John William

Shaver, John Walker, Oscar Valentine—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	57	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	5	Now borne upon the roll.....	60—64.
Restored.....	2—64.		

OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 23.**Forest Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

John E Allan, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Tickel, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles Trafton, <i>King,</i>	Christian Volland, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Hodges, <i>Master 3d Vall,</i>
Charles Hitchcock Dewey, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Peyton Powell, <i>Master 2d Vall,</i>
Erskine Allen, <i>Secretary,</i>	Alexander Dolt, <i>Master 1st Vall,</i>
Joel Franklin Smith, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Louis Blumenthal, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

James Russell Glover,	Joel Franklin Smith.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Breece, Abram	Goff, Abner W	Sparks, Reuben Moore
Byrd, Jacob Warwick	Hosmer, Thomas Norwood	White, Walter Raleigh
Carter, John Franklin	Huntley, Asahel	Willard, Simeon Sylvester
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	Jones, John D	Williams, Richard—27.
Fast, John Henry Adolph	Lynd, Charles	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	24	Now borne upon the roll.....	27—27.
Exalted.....	3—27.		

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.**Comptonville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest,</i>	John George McLellan, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Alexander Meek, <i>King,</i>	Valentine Cook McMurray, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Richard Baker, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Moore, <i>Master 3d Vall,</i>
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vall,</i>
Arthur Gardiner Miller, <i>Secretary,</i>	Otis Nelson Marrow, <i>Master 1st Vall,</i>
David Calvin, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Peter Russell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Josiah Perkins Brown,	Richard Munt,	Valentine Cook McMurray.
John George McLellan,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnott, James	Gibson, William Walker	Nelson, James
Beaman, John Henry	Landecker, David Henry	Smith, Henry
Covey, Eugene Beauharnais	Mansur, Carlos Frederick	Spencer, Stephen—23.
Elias, Isaac	McLellan, Charles	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	23.	Now borne upon the roll.....	23.
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GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.**Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Warren Russell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Solomon Adams Berry, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Lagerson, <i>R. Arch Captain</i> ,
Giosni Bassi, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Moon, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Elijah Harper Watson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Rinaldo Filippini, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Washington Simpser, <i>M'r 1st Vail</i> ,
De Witt Clinton Benjamin, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	John Paul Jones Davison, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Roush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
John Ernest Kunkler	John Dodd Skinner,	Ellison Lassell Crawford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, William Carey	Fleishman, Jacob	Pedriani, Cipriano
Bailey, Alexander Alonzo	Jilleon, Emmett	Pedriani, Massimino
Carter, John Elliot	Jones, Thomas Edward	Spencer, Willis Eugene
Downs, John Loller	Maltby, Henry Grove	Wade, John—29.
Dunahoo, Wm. Washington Pease, Edwin R		

EXCLUDED:

Jackson, Isaac Priestly—1.

DIED:

Doncaster, Samuel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....30	Excluded..... 1
Affiliated..... 1—31.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....29—31.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.**Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frank Howard Brooks, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Todd Gardiner, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Isaac Daniel Ryttenberg, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Edwin Gillett, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Benjamin Akerly, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Goodman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Hirschberg, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John J Newsom, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Lentell, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Ayers, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Henry Elisha Hitchcock, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher,	Thatcher Peter Wales,	James Todd Gardiner.
Benjamin Akerly,	William Burt Clayton,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ayer, Isaac	Greenhood, Jacob	McKenzie, William William
Bennison, George Edward	Hall, Joseph Lee	Nolan, Stephen
Blair, George Washington	Harwood, Wm. Douglass	Rasmussen, Hans
Broad, Charles	Henninger, Frederick	Beld, Charles Wood
Burner, John Davies	Irwin, John Clark	Reinstadter, Francois
Cordes, Paul Henry	Janssen, Ernst F. George	Shattuck, Francis Kittridge
Delger, Frederick	Kennedy, William	Shiman, John Lewis
Dieves, Joseph	Kerr, Louis Carmick	Simpson, George
Estrada, Frederick	Lloyd, Robert	Troy, John Henry
Everett, Daniel Henry	Mann, Benjamin Franklin	Warner, Franklin
Evers, John Henry	Marr, Archibald Campbell	Williams, Marc Anthony
Ferguson, Henry James	Marsh, John Carleton	Williams, Nicholas
Francis, Samuel	McKeen, Albert Atwater	Wunderlich, John Peter—54.
Glascok, John Raglan		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Bishop, Amasa Wright	Logan, Oliver Cunningham	Nordhausen, Ernest Albert—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Baker, Peter	Clark, Marion	Hirschfeld, Ferdinand—4.
Brooks, James Marcus		

DIED:

Gemmell, Alexander	Ruth, John—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	58	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	1	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	1—60.	Now borne upon the roll.....	54—60.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.**Auburn, Placer County.**

Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Matthias Fulweiler, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George Wallace Applegate, <i>King</i> ,	Adrian Story Whittemore, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
John Robert Winders, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benj. Dulaney Dennam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wash'ton La Fayette Moore, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Borland, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Henry Graham, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Robert William Roberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Riggs Crandall,	Charles John Hellwig,	John Thompson Kinkade.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barter, William	Dickinson, Thomas	Ketchum, Marvin
Burchard, James Philo	Du Bois, Pierre Cheesman	Lavenson, Moses
Coleman, Timothy	Ertle, John	Levison, Isador
Connor, John Michael	Griffith, Griffith	Lux, Francis Antone
Curl, Louis	Harper, Thomas Burrill	Martin, Charles
Curtis, Henry Chittendon	Hoppert, Christoph Henry	McBride, John

Mears, Josiah	Rising, Edward S	Stonecipher, Isaac
Mullen, William Henry	Schuetze, Albert Henry	Sundholm, Matts
Phillips, James Penprary	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick	Taylor, Hosea
Phillips, Joseph Eva	Severance, William Wallace	Taylor, John Nay
Pratt, Jonathan Davis	Shepherd, Harper Michael	Todd, Thomas Milton—50.
Predmore, Gera Bretton	Smith, Edward Guy	

RESTORED:

Stonecipher, Isaac—1.

DIED:

Shackleton, Edgar Levering—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....42	Died..... 1
Exalted..... 7	Now borne upon the roll.....60—51.
Affiliated..... 1	
Restored..... 1—51.	

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Doran Lucius Campbell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Samuel Buckley, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
John Allen Hosmer, <i>King</i> ,	John Henry O'Brien, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Frederick Macondray West, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Yardely, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Bruce Harrison, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Scott, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robert King Reid, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Ephraim Robbins, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> .	Philip Thomas Brown, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Alexander Chalmers,	Isaac Lothrop,
Edward Richards Hedges,	George Alex. McKenzie,	Doran Lucius Campbell.
Thomas Kent Hook,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bailey, Lancertine Edward	Harrold, Nathaniel Siggons	Peters, Joseph D
Bargion, Peter	Hickman, Edward	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	Hildreth, George Francis	Ranney, Sullivan
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce	Hodgkins, Henry	Requa, James Edgar
Belding, Charles	Hughes, Henry John	Sanguinetti, Domenico
Berry, Frederick T	Jackson, John Robert Scott	Shaw, Henry Coffin
Bond, Morris Hartwell	Jameson, And. Robertson	Shurtleff, George Augustus
Brutschy, Charles	Jockers, David	Smith, George Falkenb'h
Caine, John	Kerr, Benjamin Eadie	Smith, James Caldwell
Oastle, Christ'r Champlin	Kinsley, Charles Nichols	Stewart, Frank
Oavis, Joseph Mills,	Kirkland, William	Stockton, Elias Alonzo
Daniels, James Moore	Lander, Israel	Swain, Cornelius
Eldridge, Edward Duane	Langford, Benj. Franklin	Thresher, Minord Sprague
Fanning, Howard Malcolm	Milco, Nicola	Tilghman, George
Fraser, Philip Barry	Misener, Norman Sumner	Thompson, John William
French, Abel Claypool P.	Newell, Timothy Winn	Vance, John Anderson
Fyfe, Joseph	Orr, Nelson Mills	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter
Gardner, Thomas M	Paulk, Charles Cyrus	Woods, John Newton—72.
Graham, William		

PAST MASTER:

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MARK MASTER:

McKinnon, Angus—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Evans, George Spofford Lyon, Lemuel Elisha—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Taylor, Hugh Woodruff

Tucker, Frederick Man—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	71	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3	Suspended for non-payment dues.	2
Affiliated.....	2—76.	Now borne upon the roll.....	72—76.

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Storer McBride, *High Priest*,
 Robert McMurray, *King*,
 William Dunning, *Scribe*,
 John German, *Treasurer*,
 Elon White, *Secretary*,
 John McCoy, *Captain of the Host*,

Frank Napoleon Morris, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 Richard Samuel Lleson, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
 John Trood, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Frederick William Bank, *Master 2d Vail*,
 John Billing, *Master 1st Vail*,
 Joseph Gordon Dickson, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry
 Bell, Francis Hiram
 Beard, James Edward
 Buhrling, Louis
 Butler, Patrick Henry
 Bristow, William
 Chisholm, James
 Courter, Henry Farley
 Cull, Henry
 Cunard, James Henry
 Davis, William Morgan
 Freeman, Thomas
 Furth, Simon
 Germiquet, Louis Adolph
 Harris, Jarred Junius
 Harris, Thomas

Hawley, Oscar Franklin
 Helwig, John Henry
 Henderson, Duncan
 Hickman, John Clayborne
 Huff, William
 Inder, Job Staples
 Jepsen, Christian Otto
 Jepsen, Jacob
 Lancaster, Charles Edward
 Lewellyn, Daniel
 McCullough, James
 McIntire, James Lambertson
 Morgan, John Thomas
 Netter, Nathan
 Pascoe, Erasmus
 Phillips, Reubin

Reddington, James
 Rich, Henry Hudson
 Rogers, William James
 Ruse, Joseph
 Scheuerman, Charles
 Spooner, George Cummings
 Stone, John
 Stokes, David
 Swan, Anson Burlingame
 Thomas, Richard
 Treanor, James McWade
 Trood, William
 Tucker, Joseph Bernard
 Williams, William William
 Woodruff, Aphek Lorenzo
 Wood, Washington—61.

FAST MASTER:

Jones, William Arthur—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Cadwallader, Niram—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Ayer, Leonard Barney—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	61	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	2—63.	Suspended for non-payment dues.	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	61—63.

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 80.

Napa, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Hay Knapp, *High Priest*,
Beebe Robinson, *King*,
Gottardo Bustelli, *Scribe*,
Robert Crouch, *Treasurer*,
David Leopold Hase, *Secretary*,
Calvin Bowers Walker, *Capt. of U.*

Charles Ray Gritman, *Prin. Sojourner*,
Daniel Burrell Parks, *Royal Arch Captain*,
William Andrews, *Master 3d Val.*,
Henry Louis Amstutz, *Master 2d Val.*,
Henry Conrad Horstmeier, *Master 1st Val.*,
Amos Smith Knapp, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

**Henry Hay Knapp, P. G. H. P.,
Robert Crouch.**

**Ralph Ellis,
William Bradford.**

Charles Ray Gritman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Briggs, Sebra
Brown, Jacob Barry
Carver, Dimedill Burr
Corwin, Louis Marion
Davis, James Richardson
Ellis, Frederick Plummer
Fisher, William Frederick
Gettleston, Henry
Greer, Thomas

Haas, Martin Luther
Hawks, John
Hoover, John
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Miller, Francis Ashbury
Sampson, Andrew
Sayward, James Wheaton
Schoenewald, George

Shaw, Matthew
Shurtleff, Benjamin
Smith, William O. Schenck
Sterling, Robert Henry
Van Bever, Peter
Wines, Charles Buckley
Wooley, Burt Eliphas
Zollner, John Ferdinand

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MARK MASTERS:

Kettlewell, Benjamin Franklin

Steves, John Henry

Woodward, Edwin Webster

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WITHDRAWN:

Drysdale, James Summerfield **Tucker, Nion Robert—2.**

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	41.	Withdrawn.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	89—41

MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 81.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William John Douglas, *High Priest*,
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, *King*,
Simon Blum, *Scribe*,
William Morrill Hale, *Treasurer*,
George Atwood Sherman, *Secretary*,
Eli Robbin Chase, *Captain of the Host*.

Elmer B Wagy, *Principal Sojourner*,
William Henry Buckley, *R. A. Captain*,
Bernard Borach, *Master 3d Vail*,
Charles Edward Miller, *Master 2d Vail*,
Hugh Pugh Edwards, *Master 1st Vail*,
_____, _____, *Guard*.

Past High Priest:

**Thomas Allen Brown,
Hiram Mills.**

**William Morrill Hale,
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer.**

William John Douglas.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, George Edmund	Gallagher, Henry Clay	Slits, John
Baldwin, Barry	Gray, James	Tours, Jacobus
Blum, Gabriel	Hollenbeck, Henry Miles	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Boyd, John Wheaton	Jones, Joseph Philip	Wall, George
Brown, Warren	Lambert, Hiram	Walker, James Toumay
Barpee, Winfield Scott	Newberger, Solomon	Weiss, Isidor
Carter, Thomas Orlando	O'Brien, John Conlin	Wiggins, George
Compton, William	Rankin, James	Wright, George Creighton
Fernandez, Bernardo	Ruggles, Chas. Augustus	Zifferer, Franz Joseph—42.
Fouch, John Franklin	Shreeve, Benjamin	

WITHDRAWN:

McFayden, John—1.

EXCLUDED:

Moore, John Adams Sheppard, Mark—2.

DIED:

Tucker, John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 5—46.	Excluded..... 2
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll .....42—46.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 38.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Seth Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>King</i> ,	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Henry Dwight Barrows, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Samuel Prager, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Meyer, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Rawson Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Martyn Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Edward Ryan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Samuel Calvert Foy, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Herman Neidecken, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	Samuel Calvert Foy,	George Hinds,
Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>	Samuel Prager,	James Seth Crawford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Henry Nash	Enz, Charles Augustus	Meyberg, Moritz
Allen, Gabriel	Flanigan, Thomas Joseph	Moore, Walter Scott
Baruch, Beithold	Gross, Frederick	Pearson, Richmond O
Baruch, Jacob	Grymes, George Anderson	Porter, Theo. Cunningham
Bennett, Silas	Hammel Henry	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Bragg, Ansel Melin	Hewitt, Eldridge Edward	Russell, Henry T
Buffum, William Mansfield	Jacoby, Herman	Ryan, Andrew William
Bruning, Henry Nicholas	Jaeger, Lewis J F	Smith, Charles
Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Lambie, William Thomas	Spence, Edward Fallis
Davis, Philip	Lambourne, Frederick	Well, Jacob
Denker, Andrew Henry	Loew, Jacob	Weldon, Arthur
Downey, John Gately	Long, Jerry	Weston, Benjamin S
Ducommon, Charles Louis	McLellan, Geo. Frederick	Yapp, Frederick George

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Eckert, Robert—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Melton, William Jasper—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brunson, Anson—1.

DIED:

Kidd, William Henry Archibald Narbonne, Nathaniel Andrew—2.

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted 1—57.	Suspended for non-payment dues.. 1
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....53—57.

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.**Quincy, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, Friday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Joshua Hutchins Variel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Rob't Henry Fountleroy Variel, <i>P. Sof'r</i> ,
James Dempster, <i>King</i> ,	Aaron Lorenzo Dwinel, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Julian Jacquel, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Oliver McQuestion, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
James Edwin Edwards, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Henry Whitlock, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Addison Ketchum, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Samuel Taylor, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Davis Clark Hall, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	_____ , <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Abel McFarland,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland, Joshua Hutchins Variel.
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,	Charles Oliver McQuestion,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brabban, Dixon	McDonald, Gilbert	Schofield, Miles
Brown, William Alexander	McFarland, John Carr	Schultz, John Frederick
Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	McLeod, George	Small, Jacob
Clough, Greenleaf Greeley	Norton, Mortimer	Smith, Charles
Descombes, Francis	Patterson, Robert Pagan	Sutherland, Roderick
Douglass, John	Rupert, Charles	Thomas, John Hiram
Hendel, Charles William	Sammons, Benjamin Jacob	Thorn, William Davis—37.
Lloyd, John Preston	Schofield, Mark	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Chapman, John Maurice	Hughes, Brainard B	Mitchell, John Ephraim
Folsom, Daniel	Lee, Thomas Colidon	Smith, Daniel Robertson
Howard, Peter	Miller, James	Thompson, Christopher—9.

MARK MASTERS:

Graham, George James	Thorp, J H—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Cox, George Washington	Hill, Maxwell Gaddis—2.
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BECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....29	Withdrawn..... 2
Affiliated.....10—39.	Now borne upon the roll.....37—39.

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Mattison Myers, *High Priest*,
 Christian Theodore B. Hallin, *King*,
 Thomas Savage, *Scribe*,
 James Roney, *Treasurer*,
 Charles Daly, *Secretary*,
 Jonathan Bond, *Captain of the Host*,

Henry Daniel Lazelle, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 Simeon Clemens Bowman, *R. A. Capt.*,
 Alex. Bertsch Bertosckey, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Ira Mortimer Butler, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Lawrence Duckworth, *Master 1st Vail*,
 John Thompson, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Jno. Mills Browne, *P.G.H.P.* George Fayette Mallett,
 Mattison Myers, Charles Daly,
 Osgood Hilton, Frank Douglas Mead,

James Roney,
 Roland Jackson McDaniel.

ROYAL ARCH MARONS:

Adea, Remmer Joh'n Rem's
 Aden, John Remmers
 Aden, Melchert Remmers
 Benas, Benjamin
 Bowman, Frank Austin
 Brown, Francis Edward
 Brown, Roswell Homer
 Brownlie, John
 Bruce, Henry
 Butler, Orrin Hartwell
 Carter, William
 Chandler, Robert
 Clausen, August Ernst
 Clark, William Henry
 Drake, Frank
 Drake, Franklin Jeremiah
 Farley, Dallas Jones
 Farnham, John
 Fassett, Thomas Odeon
 Faust, John
 Frey, John
 Garland, Frank
 Gottschalk, Charles
 Haas, Solomon Leon

Haskins, Enoch William
 Harrier, Daniel Webster
 Henderson, Orrington Lunt
 Higson, Frederick Delmer
 Hilborn, Samuel Greeley
 Holmes Ensign Kimball
 Jordan, James Howland
 Kemper, Melchoir
 Laviere, Frank
 Little, Samuel
 Lister, Benjamin
 McCobb, Abiel Henry
 McCool, Daniel Miller
 McLees, Edmund
 McPike, Andrew Jackson
 Morse, Charles Alonzo
 Passallaqua, Bennaditto
 Perkins, Alonzo
 Phillips, James
 Plaisted, George Pomroy
 Pelham, Alexander
 Powell, Abraham
 Robinson, Jno. Buckingham

Rogers, David William
 Rothenbush, Peter
 Rounds, George
 Rutherford, David
 Sailor, John Henry
 Sides, George Elvin
 Shillingsburg, William
 Smith, John Daniel
 Spencer, John Abram
 Starr, Edward Thompson
 Thomas, John
 Titcomb, John Locke
 Toothaker, Harvey Puringt'n
 Topley, James
 Tripp, William Henry
 Voorhees, Albert Parsons
 Wall, Charles John
 Webster, Henry John
 Willatts, Edward Albert
 Williams, Robert Adrian
 Wilson, George Wilkins
 Wright, Gilbert Lafayette
 Wright, Martin Jeremiah

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RESTORED:

Carter, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

West, Daniel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	80	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	7	Now borne upon the roll.....	87—88.
Restored.....	1—88.		

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.**Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Edmund Potter, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Johnson Porter, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Eliot Benton, <i>King</i> ,	Lewis Taahela, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Cassius Clay Palmer, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alpheus Kendall, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Crellin, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William George Cummings, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Webb Nicholson Pearce, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robert Willis Miller, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Leroy Wood Allum, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	—————, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Alpheus Fuller Williams,	James Dode,	George Edwin Whitney,
Nathan W. Spaulding, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	William Addison Walter,	John Barton Harden.
Walter Laidlaw,	Frank Worthy Cushing,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allardt, George Frederick	Greenman, Harmon	Phillips, John Waterman
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Hamilton, Laurentine	Pickerton, Thomas Hamil
Baker, Alfred Septimus	Hamilton, William Thomas	Plomteaux, Henry John
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Harmon, John Brown	Ranlett, Horace Dodge
Banks, Charles Wells	Haven, Charles Dwight	Raymond, Charles Heward
Bartlett, Pliny	Hayes, Daniel Edward	Rector, Ludlow James
Rennett, Thomas	Healey, Jesse	Reichling, Francis
Black, Joseph	Herbert, Hunry Vandervon	Reichling, Louis Frank
Boone, William Ely	Heron, Ernest Alvah	Rogers, Cecil Denorvan
Bones, Samuel West	High, Wm. Henderson, Jr.	Robinson, John Andrew
Borland, Archibald	Hudson, George Henry	Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Bradley, John Tilford	Hunter, James	Rutherford, Chas. Board'n
Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.	Ingols, James Edward	Sessions, Edward Cathcart
Brigham, Frank Eugene	Irwin, Harry Frost	Sherman, William
Brown, Lewis Henry	Jenks, Charles Caleb	Shorey, Albert
Burleson, Charles Myron	Kutz, George Fitzgerald	Skinner, Isaac Ash
Burrell, Alfred William	Lamping, Peter A	Smith, Henry Sidney
Collier, John Henry	Lancaster, Joseph	Spark, Martin Van Buren
Collins, Albert William	Lee, John	Taggart, Grantham Israel
Cunningham, Parlan R	Loring, George York	Tubbs, Hiram
Cushing, John	Mastick, Joseph Wood	Twombly, Charles Henry
Davis, Charles Edmund	McClure, David	Underwood, Henry Dayton
De Golia, George Ellis	McGillivray, Joseph	Van Dyke, Walter
Dingee, William Jackson	McGuire, Jesse Milton	Wadsworth, Henry
Dusinbury, Myr. Thompson	Merritt, James Beator	Walker, Edward Emery
Eadon, Moses	Metcalf, George Dickson	Walker, George Russell
Elliott, Washington	Miller, William Noble	Walton, Jesse
Emery, Joseph Stickney	Miller, Peter	Ward, Robert
Everson, Wallace	Monnet, Louis	Watson, John Braddock
Fassett, Francis Ronelle	Moore, Albert Alphonso	Whidden, William
Foulkes, James Franklin	Noy, William Henry	Williams, Robert Neal
Fox, Charles Nelson	O'Beirne, Joseph Francis	Wilson, John Charles
Gaskill, Rollin Corralus	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart	Wilson, William
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor	Pardee, Enoch Homer	Winchester, John Parker
Gordon, Jos. Smith Gilman	Patterson, George	

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

PAST MASTER:

Brower, John Daniel—1.

MARK MASTER:

Camron, William Walker—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Braun, Charles Henri Frederick La Grange, Oscar Hugh—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Cutting, James Ripley Haslehurst, William—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	109	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	14	Suspended for non-payment dues	2
Affiliated.....	3	Now borne upon the roll.....	123—127.
Restored.....	1—127.		

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.

Colfax, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Bainbridge Storey, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Lobner, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Robert Fleming Rooney, <i>King</i> ,	Patrick Henry Magin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Leopold Lobner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Dysart, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Swift Makins, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Leland Cajew, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Spencer Quire, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	_____, <i>Guard</i> .

Fast High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. H. P.*,

Alexander Gibson Oliver.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Lorenzo Thomas	Hines, Wanton Alfred	Oliver, William Gibson
Boden, Thomas	Hodgdon, James Peverly	Peden, Albert Oliver
Cloudman, Octavius King	Johnson, Gusta's Adolphus	Provan, William
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	King, Thornton	Bathburn, John Bell
Davis, Abraham	Kopp, Charles Mann	Ritchie, John William
Disque, Henry	Lekamp, John Henry	Rogers, Joseph
Ells, Henry	Lohman, Peter	Sara, Richard
Eschbach, David Meyer	McClure, Elias Lowe	Swensson, Samuel Edward
Gilbert, Timothy Andrew	McClelland, Felix Grundy	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Hall, James Henry	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson	Vincent, Nicholas
Hayford, James Barrows	Osborn, Robert Smith	Voss, Louis—48.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Heuser, George Henry Kennedy, Samuel Thomas Rabe, August Louis—8.

PAST MASTER:

Marx, Charles—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Graham, Robert Hill—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	44	Suspended for non-payment dues...	1
Exalted.....	3—47.	Now borne upon the roll.....	46—47.

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 88.**Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas Amner, <i>High Priest,</i>	Louis Schwartz, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Samuel Drennan, <i>King,</i>	George Washington Place, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
George Staeffler, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Thompson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Henry Lincoln, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Brooks Groom, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Adam Gilchrist, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds,	Louis Schwartz,	Thomas Amner.
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ROYAL ABOH MASONS:

Adams, Frederick	Fagan, Pierce Bye	Menefee, Frank George
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Fitch, Edwin	Mix, Edgar Henry
Butterfield, Charles Henry	Garratt, Richard Moses	Skinner, Henry
Chace, John Day	Handy, Forrest Nelson	Weis, Bernhard
Cummings, William Nelson	Hall, Richard Harrison	West, Edward Swift
Danbenbiss, John	Hinds, David	Williams, Edward Lawrence
Ely, William	McKiernan, Charles	—32.

DIED:

Sedgwick, James Lynch—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	33.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	32—33.

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.**Truckee, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas Maria Bittancourt, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Jacob Lewis Lewison, <i>King,</i>	James Wellington Hoy, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Abner Weed, <i>Scribe,</i>	David Walter Leach, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Hiram Whitehead Roberts, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wilson Shannon Dixon, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joseph Marzen, Jr., <i>Secretary,</i>	George Schaffer, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Michael Luxenburger, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	Hogan Johnson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Elle Ellen,	Jehu Davis Park,	Wilson Shannon Dixon.
William Joab Shinn,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brickell, Edward John	De Bernardi, Julius	Garner, Henry R.
Chandler, Russell Hunter	Dunn, Henry George	Gaylor, Eben Hills
Cullen, Thomas	Dunster, George William	Godfrey, Thomas Francis
Davis, Jonathan	Frates, Frank	Graham, Andrew Jackson

Hamilton, Edward	Nichols, Albert S	Scribner, Samuel
Harris, Jacob	O'Brian, John	Smith, Adrian Wilson
Hill, William Henry	Ogilvie, David	Stirling, James
Hutchinson, John T	Peck, Nelson Stanley	Trott, Charles Cornelius
Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Rabel, Frank	Wood, George
Marzen, Joseph	Reanda, Giulio	Young, Lamertine Wilson
Morrison, William	Richardson, Warren	—47.

RESTORED:

Leach, David Walter—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hanton, Daniel Jenkins, Samuel R Jeasett, William—3.

DIED:

Doan, Latimer Emery—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....47	Withdrawn..... 3
Exalted 3	Died 1
Restored 1—51.	Now borne upon the roll..... 47—51.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.**Red Bluff, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Nathan Crocker, *High Priest*,
 Charles Theodore Alvord, *King*,
 Roderick Henry Bierce, *Scribe*,
 William Brower Cahoone, *Treasurer*,
 Horace Allen Mayhew, *Secretary*,
 Max Posner, *Captain of the Host*,

Robert Hard Blossom, *Prin. Sojourner*,
 Henry Charles Richart, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
 John Chapman Voluntine, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Thomas Newton Howell, *Master 2d Vail*,
 Jeremiah Schoenfeld, *Master 1st Vail*,
 Samuel Lewis, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Adoniram Judson Loomis,

John Clements,

Jerome Banks.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Austin, William Lowell	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Houghton, Francis	Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart
Campbell, Remembrance H.	Kimball, Gorham Gates	Swain, Theodore Slevan
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Kingsley, George Leeman	Tolley, Henry Harbinson
Chase, Guy Horatio	Merrill, Nathaniel	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Cone, Joseph Spencer	Miller, Francis	Wadsworth, Silas Marsden
Copeland, Hosmer Curtis	Murphy, Sylvanus Everett	Welton, Lamson Scoville
DeHaven, Jos. Lapeley G'd	Parker, William Boyd	West, John M
Fish, Charles Erskine	Puls, George	Wiendieck, Herman Henry
Foster, Charles Frederick	Rawson, Hiram Allen	Williams, Manly Delos
Gedney, David Wetmore	Reiser, Ellis	Williams, Richard J
Griggs, Sidney Allen	Roberts, James Bartle	Wilson, Henry Clay
Grappner, Louis Carl	Ryan, Thomas R	Winsel, Eli Achum—55.
Hansen, Hans		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....42	Now borne upon the roll.....55.
Exalted 9	
Affiliated 3	
Restored 1—55.	

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.**Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Martin Rogers, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William George Hudson, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Waters, <i>King</i> ,	James La Fayette Halsted, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
James Ingham, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Martin Phelan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Greenbaum, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Michael Gagnon, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Nelson Beese, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Frank Aldridge, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Martin Rogers,	William George Hudson,	John Nelson Beese.
James Waters,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Flint, Thomas, Jr.	Morris, Moses
Aldrich, David Medcalf	Fish, Isaac Benjamin	Mynatt, Elvin Farran
Andrews, Bela Sargent	Fowler, Charles	Payne, John Sidney
Archer, Samuel Milton	Friermuth, Hervey Weston	Porter, John Thomas
Ashley, James Henderson	Gell, Samuel Franklin	Rea, Samuel
Blankenship, James Allen	Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Reeve, Henry Francis
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Jackson, Alexander Bell	Sargent, Bradley Varnum
Brown, James Hiram	Jones, Columbus Charles	Thomas, Charles Lewis
Brown, John Bernard	Landrum, Wm. Merrimon	Trafton, George Arthur
Chalmers, Alex. Barker	Linscott, James Austin	Trafton, John Edmond
Chapman, Jere. Sheldon	Martin, Enos James	Trimmer, Oliver Smith
Craig, Andrew	Mauk, Edwin Franklin	West, Henry Edgar
Dexter, Mason Lorenzo	Mitchell, Charles Edward	Williamson, William—53
Flint, Thomas, Sr.	Moffatt, Thomas	

MARK MASTERS:

Alexander, John King	Miller, John William	Vanderhurst, William—4.
Franks, Christian		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44	Now borne upon the roll.....58.
Exalted..... 4	
Affiliated 5—53.	

CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.**Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Carnot Courtland Mason, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Alton Miller, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Rose Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Edward Hoole, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Shand, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wm. Henry Harrison Fuller, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Faulkner, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Johnson Blackwell, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
James Davison, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ass Jacob Merkley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Emmet Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Jesse Wood, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
Albert A Hibbard, <i>Guard</i> .	

Past High Priests:

Charles Lewis Pond,	Carnot Courtland Mason,	Charles Faulkner,
Rufus Mycagah Cochran,	Robert Emmet Warren,	Albert Judson Gifford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Papst, Albert
Bidwell, John	Heath, William Daniel	Papst, Charles James
Boucher, Josiah	Jackson, Frank Mason	Rundell, Rochester York
Bradley, William Leroy	Jones, Benjamin Franklin	Sawyer, Alexander
Breed, Levi Newton	King, William Duncan	Shear, George
Carpenter, Aleck	Lausen, Henry Datelef	Stansbury, Oscar
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Leininger, Obadiah	Stevens, Warren Charles
Cowles, Harlan Paige	Macken, Lewis	Turner, John Alphonso
Crew, Alexander Hill	McIntosh, George Lewis	Turner, John Calvin
Decker, James Madison	McIntosh, Lewis Harrison	Turner, William Tomes
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Mitchell, James Ewing	Van Woert, William
Garner, John Mortimer	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford	Walraven, Garret Wells
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Montgomery, Park	Warren, Cyrus Greenleaf
Guynn, Pleasant Marion	Nelson, Charles Andrew	Wetherbee, Ira Alston—60.
Hansen, Lauritz	Noonan, Jerry Childs	

PAST MASTER:

Jones, Samuel—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Nichols, Edward Cuyler—1.

EXCLUDED:

Bidwell, Abram B	Holbrook, Charles Henry	Hubbs, Benjamin Albert
Daniels, Samuel	Holmes, Henry Preston	Springer, Watson King—6.

DIED:

Colby, Gilbert Winslow—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....61	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....6	Excluded.....6
Affiliated.....1—68.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....60—68.

SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.

Suisun, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Abner Elias Charles, <i>High Priest,</i>	Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Oscar Rapier Coghlan, <i>King,</i>	Alexander Albert Dickie, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Daniel McCreary, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Leithead, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry Harris, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Columbus Palestine Reeves, <i>Secretary,</i>	Marcus Weinberger, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Allen Charles Miller, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	William Gustavus Davissan, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Stephen Kirby Nurse,	Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Eben Dorman Perkins.
Joseph Fairbanks Wendell,	Allen Charles Miller,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bauman, Jacob Henry	Gettier, Charles Peter	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Buck, William Leonard	Hitchcock, Abraham Farr	Robinson, John
Capell, James Smith	Hoyt, George Adolphus	Smith, Sampson
Cerkel, Wolf	Hoyt, Julien Buel	Stewart, Samuel
Chapman, Aiddeline L	Hoyt, William Kimball	Stephenson, Andrew Vincent
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Kelley, Kirk Etna	Stephens, William Bell
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Lockie, John Albert	Vance, James Monroe
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Miller, Meredith Rains	Wilson, Thomas Stanley—41.
Eversole, Henry	Reeves, Duke Davis	

WITHDRAWN:

Pietzockie, Marsell Pine, Charles Andrew—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	35	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	41—43.
Affiliated.....	2—43.		

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Andrew Henderson Broder, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>King,</i>	William Harland, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Green Berry Crowley, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Chatten, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Morgan James Wells, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Theodore Bacigalupi, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Clarence Ward, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Alpha Hayden Glasscock, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Andrew Henderson Broder, Robert Chidley Broder.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Blakely, Francis Algine	Esrey, Justin	Martin, William Franklin
Brower, Celsus	Fidler, Henry Clinton	Melone, John Henry
Brownstone, David	Gilroy, Launcelot	Nathan, Herman
Carpenter, William	Guggenheim, Leon	Nelson, Swan Peter
Clark, Angus Marion	Hackett, Henry	Russell, William Alexander
Creed, Wm. Henry Ambrose	Hall, Albon Eugene	Tracy, Perus Sprague
Dowdle, John Philip	Henry, Albert Reece	Wells, John Thomas
Eaton, Mathew	Hocket, John Benjamin	Wingfield, Charles Rousseau
Edwards, Edward Darnall	Mack, Julius Jacob	—39.

PAST MASTER:

Patrick, Charles Berry—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Harter, Isaac Monroe—1.

DIED:

Crowley, John William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	31	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	9	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	1—41.	Now borne upon the roll.....	39—41.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.**Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Ripley Wright, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alexander Douglas Laughlin, <i>Prin. Sef'er,</i>
Charles Hazlewood Holmes, <i>King,</i>	Martin Van Buren Vanderhoff, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Scribe,</i>	Edward Neblett, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Prindle, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Irwin Allen, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary.</i>	William Montgomery, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Nathan Jonas Stone, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Herman Label, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Elijah Thompson Farmer,	Robert Pross Smith, Jr.,	Augustus Leander Fisher.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Acton, William	Griggs, Joseph Henry	Oliver, John Salter
Appleton, Wellington	Griggs, William Benjamin	Overton, Albert Perry
Baxter, Thomas Phipps	Grindle, Joshua	Parks, David Harrison
Bell, James Shadrach	Hall, Clarence Conway	Park Alvah W
Berka, John	Hall, Llewellyn	Percival, Walter C
Bloom, Jonas	Halling, Frederick	Ross, Henry J
Bond, William Hammet	Hardin, Chas. Henry Edwin	Seegelken, Ernst August
Brown, Henry Ralph	Harris, Jacob	Sparks, George Washington
Bruegge Herman Fred. O	Hasting, James O	Speller, George
Buckland, Leon'rd Harrison	Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Spencer, Byron M
Burris, David	Hoover, Abram	Stoddard, Joel
Byrrus, John Carroll	Hughes, John	Stoddard, William
Caldwell, Charles Young	Ink, Walter Payne	Straney, Francis Marion
Carillo, Julio	Korbel, Antone Francis	Strom, William
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Kugler, Leopold C.	St. Clair, Frank Chappel
Davis, William Wallace	Legg, Amos	Stites, Alexander Hill
Davison, Daniel D	Lindberg, John Peter	Taylor, John Shackelford
Dohn, George	Looney, William Deuton	Thompson, Robt. Augu's, Jr.
Duncan, James P	Lord, Thomas	Tripp, Hiram Lewis
Elliott, William Ross	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	Walker, John
Estinghausen, Wm. Adams	Maddux, Lorenzo Dow	Ware, Allison Burr
Farmer, Ch'r Columbus	Mathews, John Wesley	White, John McCullough
Fickas, Adam	McConnell, William Elliot	Wilton, Thomas G
Fulkerson, Theodoros S.	McConochie, Robert	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Fulkerson, Richard	McCornack, Wm. Andrew	Wright, James Madison
Gannon, James	McCallum, Alexander	Wright, James California
Gleason, Cyrus Sidney	McMinn, John	Young, Bird Sidney
Glenn, James Henry	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Young, Michael
Glynn, Francis Jerome B.	Nelson, Alfred	Young, Frank William—102.

RESTORED:

Carillo, Julio	Davis, William Wallace—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Bean, Charles Henry	Dozier, Linwood	Wright, Joseph—4.
Davis, Elisha Lacy		

EXPELLED:

Caldwell, Francis Marion—1.

DIED:

McOrodan, James—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	89	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	16	Expelled.....	1
Affiliated.....	1	Died.....	1
Restored.....	2—108.	Now borne upon the roll.....	102—108.

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.**Woodland, Yolo County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Henry Davis, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Lowrey Simpson, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Temple Perrin Magee, <i>King</i> ,	James Viers, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Frederick Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Humphrey Hicks, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Dixon Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Andrew Carlisle Kean, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Donald Fraser, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	_____ , <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thomas Cross Pockman,	Nicholas Wykoff,	Humphrey Hicks.
Charles Henry Davis,	George Germain Cole,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bray, Edward Gaines	Geary, George Jones	Marden, William Harrison
Brown, Elijah William	Goodin, Thomas Chelton	Megowan, Robert Wickliff
Bullock, James Porter	Grimes, George Clayton	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Burns, Daniel Monroe	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Parramore, Edw'd Littleton
Dresbach, William	Harlan, Benjamin Franklin	Rahm, Francis Marion
Dutton, James Marshal	Harling, Micajah Oglesey	Rodolph, Godfrey
Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Harper, Sterling Gorman	Ross, Thomas
Everett, Phillip George	Hill, Henry Abraham	Schindler, David
Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester	Hurlburt, Daniel Bradley	Snowball, John Wells
Freeman, John Watts	Jacobs, John	Steiner, Adam J
Frank, Frederick	Johnson, James	Tebbs, Lilburne Ely
Frost, Charles Stinoen	Johnson, Henry Foster	Vaughn, Cornel's L Neuvall
Furst, Leopold	Larew, William Henry	Weir, William Henry
Gable, Harvey Clinton	Lowry, John William	Williams, George Wesley
Gardner, Matthew	Maltby, John Edward	—58.

MARK MASTER:

Charmak, Louis—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Prather, John Nathaniel Proctor, Calderon Weld—2.

EXCLUDED:

Aronson, Henry—1.

DIED:

Barney, Carey Dexter, Lorenzo—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	58	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3	Excluded.....	1
Affiliated.....	2—63.	Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	58—63.

LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Phillip Jacob Goumaz, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Albert Augustus Smith, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Branham, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Hines, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Enoch Stanwood Talbot, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Brockman, <i>Master 3d Vall</i> ,
Davis Knoch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Lyman Collins Stiles, <i>Master 2d Vall</i> ,
William Thomas Masten, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jefferson Houston Maxwell, <i>Mas. 1st Vall</i> ,
James Wesley Hendrick, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Allen Wood, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Allen Wood,	John Ranshaw Lockwood,	Eber Gaston Bangham.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Charles Marsh	Kingsbury, William Charles	Bawyer, John James
Bereman, Henry	Latham, Melancthon S	Seltier, Claude Francois
Blaske, Albert	Leavitt, Benjamin Hanson	Sharp, James Porter
Bobo, Benjamin Franklin	McDow, Lafayette Decatur	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Brince, Hermann	McKissick, Jacob	Sloss, Ferdinand Americus
Cahlan, John	Miller, Andrew	Snyder, Henry
Crane, William Henry	Minckler, William David	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Dill, Andrew	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Stevens, Ward Spooner
Fitch, John Edward	Mulholland, Charles	Streshly, Orlando
Gary, William West	Otto, Anthony	Tanner, Dennis
Grant, Alexander	Pierce, George Strunk	Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Harbert, Lee L	Pullen, Granville	Williams, Eugene Albert
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Reid, John Marshall	Winchell, Hiram—55.
Kelley, John Davis	Santee, Milton	

WITHDRAWN:

Bechtol, Albert George	McGill, Robert Leslie	Tremaine, Robert
Hall, Davis Clark	McKinzie, Alex. Archibald	Whitlock, James Henry
Kruger, Frank Christ'er E	Monroe, Duncan Cameron	Whitney, Hamilton Comfort
Levy, Morris Frank	Standart, George	—11.

EXCLUDED:

Duncan, And'w Cunningham	Tucker, Duane Harrison	White, Asa Preston—4.
Begraves, John Henry		

DIED:

Partridge, John Chaney	Sanders, Sanders—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	63	Withdrawn.....	11
Exalted.....	7	Excluded.....	4
Affiliated.....	2—72.	Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	55—72.

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.**Dixon, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jonathan Merritt Dudley, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Franklin Kelly, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John William McFadyen, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Milton Gates, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Henry Ackerson Ross, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Fleming McLean, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Ewalt McCune, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Henry McCune, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Henry Rice, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Garnett, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John David Munsie, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Killebrew, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Sweany,	Herman Eppinger,	George Churchill McKinley.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbay, John Alexander	Garnett, James St. Clair	North, James Charles
Agee, Christoph'r Columbus	Goeffert, Henry	Righter, Francis Marion
Baker, Roland Thomas	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Robinson, Christoph'r Max'll
Brock, Tilman Howard	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	Schnitzlein, Fred'k August
Burke, John	Hill, William Washington	Simms, William
Craig, Frederick	Hewer, John Henry	Summers, Andrew Good
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Johnson, James Otis	Talbott, John Green
Ettlinger, Bernhard	Kline, Joseph	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Ferguson, Wm. Redmond	Larew, Peter	Wells, William Henry
Fraser, Thomas	Merryfield, Justus Chandler	Wolfskill, Edward—45.

PAST MASTERS:

Hall, Alexander	Russell, Francis Evaria—2.
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MARK MASTERS:

Bullard, William Green	Job, Charles Edward	Klays, Frederick—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Bishop, Orlando Lusk	Fraser, Alexander	Pratt, Albert Harlow—3.
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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Longmire, Daniel—1.

DIED:

Steele, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....47	Withdrawn..... 3
Exalted..... 3—50.	Suspended for non-payment dues. 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....45—50.

MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.**Modesto, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, Friday next succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolphus Hewel, <i>High Priest,</i>	Elihu Burritt Beard, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King,</i>	Christopher Columbus Wright, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Thomas Cookson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Erastus Eagleson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Michael Braun, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Charles Isaac Carner, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William John Houston,	Elihu Burritt Beard,	Adolphus Hewel.
Septimus Allen Cleveland,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Armstrong, James Lapsley	Manning, Patrick	Visher, John
Dorsey, Caleb	Newson, John Moore	Walshall, Lawson Burfoot
Dowda, Geo. Washington	Rodgers, John	Wardrobe, Samuel V
Horton, Dickin'n Courtney	Teeter, John Dallas	Wilson, Thomas Andrew
Lawrence, George		

—26.

WITHDRAWN:

Stewart, Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....27.	Withdrawn.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....26—27.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.**San Buenaventura, Ventura County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jonathan Doan Hines, <i>High Priest,</i>	Marion Cannon, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Eugene Preston Foster, <i>King,</i>	Joseph M Kaiser, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Kenneth Peter Grant, <i>Scribe,</i>	Albert Griffith Bartlett, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Lemuel Clark McKeeby, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Edward Taylor Hare, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lafayette Findla Eastin, <i>Secretary,</i>	Fridolin Hartman, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Andrew Clemmens, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	—— ———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Jonathan Doan Hines,	Lemuel Clark McKeeby.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arundell, William Henry	Cox, Richard	Knighten, William Amon
Bard, Cephas Little	Day, James Allen	Simpson, Voln'y Alexander
Bard, Thomas Robert	Edwards, Evan Alfred	Smith, Alvin Billings
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Finney, Charles Grandison	Sparks, William Ware
Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Fisher, Joseph	Spear, Henry
Brooks, James Marion	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.	Stanchfield, Levi Gould
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Gilbert, Thomas	Surdam, Royes Gaylord—34.
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Grimes, Brice	

PAST MASTER:

Burrill, William Henry—1.

MARK MASTER:

Collins, John Stevenson—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Davis, Samuel Augustus

Gay, Milus Hervey—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	33	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	3—36.	Now borne upon the roll.....	34—36.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.*Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.**Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Leonard Babcock, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Rollin Dunshee, <i>King</i> ,	David P Hatch, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Delos Peer, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert Hayman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Peck Stearns, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Archibald Wm. Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Ellakim Tapper Gourley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Clifton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Fayette McGlashan, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

John Peck Stearns,	George Edward Childs,	Charles Fayette McGlashan.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Collins, George Nelson	Meroux, Joseph	Parsons, Jacob
Hill, Jesse	Norway, William Henry	Stafford, Owen Andrew
Marcy, Harvey Bradley	Paddock, Edgar Luzern	Walker, Frank—21.

PAST MASTER:

Laughlin, Henry James—1.

EXCLUDED:

Hart, Joseph Va.—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	20	Excluded.....	1
Affiliated.....	2—22.	Now borne upon the roll.....	21—22.

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.*Eureka, Humboldt County.**Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Andrew Watson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, <i>Prin. Soj.</i> ,
———, <i>King</i> ,	Clarence M. Leighton Howard, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Thomas Blakwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Carson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Jewett McNamara, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Edwin Barnard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Barns Cutler, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bryce, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Andrew William Anderson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

John Andrew Watson.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Becker, Charles	Hansell, Julius Henrich Gus.	Russ, Joseph
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hall, Richard	Sevier, Abner Dill
Buck, Silas Montgomery	Halloran, James	Thomson, John Sedgfield
Bull, John Clark, Jr.	Hart, Plummer Frederick	Thomson, John Smith
Campbell, Alexander	Henderson, James William	Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Case, Horace Smith	Hetherington, John, Jr.	Troat, John Henry
Coates, John Pim	Hetfield, Alfred De Forest	Wallace, Malcom Joseph
Cutler, Thomas	Ley, Francis Anthony	Wentworth, Harris Burns
Graham, John George	Renfro, David Kenada	Willey, John Bassett
Grinnell, Alvin Sampson	Robarts, James Thomas	Wilson, Emet Wakeman—42.
Greenwald, Julius		

DIED:

Scott, D. Clinton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	37	Died.....	1
Exalted.....	6—43.	Now borne upon the roll.....	42—43.

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Warren King, <i>High Priest,</i>	Walter Lee Bransford, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Daniel Henry Osborne, <i>King,</i>	James Robert Matthews, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
William Isbell, <i>Scribe,</i>	Wm. Hanscomb Haskell, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wallace Mont'g'y Hagans, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Langley Barnes, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Taylor Day, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Watkins Cunningham, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	George William Heald, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	George McCowen,	George William Heald.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, William Henry	Ellege, John French	Newfield, Marcus
Bellamy, Benson Clarke	Henly, Whitcombe	Orr, James Henry
Briggs, Moses Carson	Hornbrook, Sanders	Reed, John Smith
Carothers, Thomas Langley	Hoak, Elvin Newman	Smith, Martin Thomas
Cliff, John Ford	McGarvey, Robert	Townsend, Frederick Omer
Donohoe, Jeremiah Henry	Montague, Lemuel Davis	Updegraff, Jacob—32.

PAST MASTER:

Yell, Archibald—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Burchard, John Luther Zimmerman, William Tell—2.

DIED:

Spaulding, George Sheppard.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	26	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	8	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	1—35.	Now borne upon the roll.....	32—35.

BODIE CHAPTER, No. 55.**Bodie, Mono County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Alexander Caldwell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Randolph Ray, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Luther Sleight Hildreth, <i>King,</i>	William Allen Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
James Sparrow, <i>Scribe,</i>	John McClosky, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Augustus Atlee, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Alexander Ogilvie Percy, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Eugene Francis Chamberlin, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Wayne Dunlap, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Oscar Hugo Kister, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Henry Ellis Wilson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Samuel Benjamin Ferguson,	William Irwin,	George Howard Winterburn.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Andrew Harper	Hunnewill, Na'n Bonaparte	Richardson, Charles Allen
Baldwin, Robert Fairchild	Jeffreys, David	Shreve, John Allen
Beck, Alexander	Luke, David Mathias	Stewart, Alexander Bruce
Blasdell, Sherrill Weaver	McCurdy, Samuel	Stewart, John Wesley
Casey, David	McKinney, Charles Franklin	Summers, Jesse Nolin
Colcord, Russell Keys	Miller, Ben Huggins	Symons, Edward
Darrah, John	Neal, Franklin	Towle, Joshua West
Dawley, James Morris	Owen, Frank	Traut, Anton
Ferris, Henry	Parr, John Forrest	Turner, John Christopher
Forrest, Robert McClelland	Penter, Geo. Washington	VanZandt, John Washington
Gill, William		

—46.

WITHDRAWN:

Scott, Peter Hume

Sutton, David Martin—2.

DIED:

Owen, Samuel

Stebbins, Samuel Goodsel—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 9—50.	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....46—50.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.**San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Horace Cowen Rolfe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel William Brooks, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Robert Wiggins, <i>King,</i>	Thomas Jonathan Wilson, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Joseph Shannon Bright, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jeremiah Drake Ousterhout, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
Lewis Jacobs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Francis Le Barron Talmadge, <i>Mas. 2d Vail,</i>
James Alexander Gibson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Smith Cook Haile, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Millford Byron Terrass, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George Lord, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Horace Clark, <i>Guard.</i>

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe,

William Craig.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, John	Hart, Alexander Hamilton	Peacock, James Corbet
Bergmann, Jacob	King, John Caleb	Peacock, Thomas Francis
Bidwell, Julius Albert	Knox, John Thompson	Robinson, Henry Walter
Cunningham, Geo. Dimick	Kurtz, Christian	Rosenthal, Emil Julius
Daniels, Rensselaer Wilkin'n	Lawrence, Charles Marshal	Rousseau, James Alexander
Field, Hugh Hamel	Miller, Christo'r Columbus	Russell, Wilson Byron—34.
Fleisher, Wolfe	Mitchell, John Page	

PAST MASTER:

Hook, John — 1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	26	Now borne upon the roll.....	34—34.
Exalted.....	6		
Affiliated.....	2—34.		

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

*Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Robert Rufus Brown, <i>High Priest,</i>	Nelson Henry Murray, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Robert Gilmore Cunningham, <i>King,</i>	Niles Knickerbocker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Dustin, Bicknell, <i>Scribe,</i>	Julius Herbert Martin, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Lewis Polaski, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Julius Munson Carter, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Jas. Edgar Stevenson Bell, <i>Secretary,</i>	Leander Clement Goodwin, <i>Mas. 1st Vail,</i>
Thomas John Caystlie, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Robert Rufus Brown.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Lewis Charles	Macmurdo, Wirt Robinson	Smith, Henry Augustus
Bell, James George	Marsh, James Harvey	Stanley, John Quincy Adams
Hill, William Henry	Miller, Isaac Leffler	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Lankershim James Boon	Reiser, Theodore	Stewart, William
Lazzarevich, Giovanni	Salisbury, John Caleb	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Leake, Edward	Shaffer, John	Wollweber, Theodore—30.
Lockwood, Jasper		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Brousseau, Julius

Shorb, Andrew Stephen—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	24	Now borne upon the roll.....	30—30.
Exalted.....	5		
Affiliated.....	1—30.		

PLUMAS CHAPTER, No. 58.**Greenville, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

James Summerfield Drysdale, <i>High Priest,</i>	Morris Frank Levy, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Hamilton Comfort Whitney, <i>King,</i>	Alexander Picken, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Alexander Archibald McKenzie, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Standart, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Robert Leslie McGill, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Robert Tremaine, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Duncan Cameron Monroe, <i>Secretary,</i>	_____, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Albert George Bechtol, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Frank Kruger, <i>Guard.</i>

ROYAL ARMS MASONS:

Frick, David Zeller	Gulliver, George William	Rodgers, Benjamin Franklin
Gray, Rotheus Augustus	Martin, John Powell	—16.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Barham, Thomas Lemuel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation....	9	Now borne upon the roll.....	16.
Exalted.....	4		
Affiliated.....	3—16.		

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	RECORD.														
	TOWN.	COUNTY.		Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Susp. for non- pay of dues.	Expelled.	Rejected.	M. Masters.	Past Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Dues to Gr.	
1 SAN FRANCISCO,	San Francisco,...	San Francisco,...	July 28, 1854.	61	51	49	48	2	1	8	8	3	6	4	2	26	\$453 00	
2 SONORA,	Tuolumne,	Tuolumne,	" "									3	6	4	2	24	43 00	
3 SACRAMENTO,	Sacramento,	Sacramento,	" "								2	3	6	4	2	62	40 00	
4 EL DORADO,	El Dorado,	El Dorado,	April 30, 1855.									4	3			208	270 00	
5 SAN FRANCISCO,	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" "															
6 NEVADA,	Nevada,	Nevada,	" "	27	27	27	30	4	1	7	5	2				251	362 00	
7 NEVADA,	Nevada,	Nevada,	" "	3	3	3	4	6	1							57	72 00	
8 BENICIA,	Solano,	Solano,	" "	3	3	3	3	8								21	33 00	
9 COLUMBIA,	Tuolumne,	Tuolumne,	" "															
10 SHASTA,	Shasta,	Shasta,	" "	4	4	6	5			1		2				48	66 00	
11 FOREST CITY,	Sierra,	Sierra,	" "															
12 SUTTER,	Anador,	Anador,	May 3, 1856.	2	2	2	3			2	1	1	1	1	1	56	65 00	
13 MERCED,	Merced,	Merced,	" "	1	1	2	2			1		1	1	1	1	36	42 00	
14 MARYSVILLE,	Yuba,	Yuba,	" "	6	7	7	7	1	3	4		1	3	1	8	102	138 00	
15 SAN JOSE,	Santa Clara,	Santa Clara,	" "	6	3	3	3	2	3	1		2	3	2	2	74	89 00	
16 YREKA,	Siskiyou,	Siskiyou,	" "							1	1					33	33 00	
17 PLACERVILLE,	El Dorado,	El Dorado,	May 8, 1857.	2	2	2	2			3	1	3				38	41 00	
18 LOWA HILL,	Placer,	Placer,	" "	2	2	2	2									34	42 00	
19 GRASS VALLEY,	Nevada,	Nevada,	May 7, 1858.					1		1		3	1	2	27	77 00		
20 WEAVERVILLE,	Trinity,	Trinity,	" "	3	3	2	6			2						26	31 00	
21 OROVILLE,	Butte,	Butte,	" "	4	5	6	6	1		1		3	1	2	60	81 00		
22 DOWNVILLE,	Sierra,	Sierra,	" "	2	2	2	3			1		1			41	51 00		
23 PETALUMA,	Sonoma,	Sonoma,	" "	2	4	4	5			2	4				60	76 00		
24 FOREST HILL,	Placer,	Placer,	May 6, 1859.	3	3	3	3								27	39 00		
25 CAMPIONVILLE,	Yuba,	Yuba,	" "												23	23 00		
26 GEORGETOWN,	El Dorado,	El Dorado,	May 4, 1860.	3	3	4	1	1	1	1		1			29	29 00		
27 OAKLAND,	Alameda,	Alameda,	" 5,	7	7	7	7	1	4			2	1	8	64	66 00		
28 DELTA,	Auburn,	Auburn,	May 10, 1861.	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	70	78 00		
29 STOCKTON,	San Joaquin,	San Joaquin,	" "	5	4	3	3	2							72	87 00		

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1856.

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1857.

WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
 THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King.*
 WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest.* *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King.*
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1860.

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1861.

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1862.

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1863.

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1867.

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1868.

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1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, .. *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, *Grand King.*
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1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, *Grand King.*
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1872.

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 WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, .. *Grand Scribe.*

1880.

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1881.

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1882.

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OF THE
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS,
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-third Annual Convention.

The twenty-third Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple in the city of San Francisco on Wednesday, the twelfth day of April, 1882, at eight o'clock P. M.

There were present the following named

OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,.....*President*;
" R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,..... *Vice-President*;
" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,..... *Chaplain*;
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" R. E. ALEX GURDON ABELL,..... *Steward*.

Also Companions CHARLES MACMURDO BLAIR, DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, THOMAS CALLOW, JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGEN, ADOLPHUS HEWEL, JOHN ERNEST KUNCKLER, SAMUEL POWELL LAWSON, HENRY SAYRE ORME, HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, JAMES SETH CRAWFORD, JOSEPH MILLER LITCHFIELD.

The Grand Convention was opened in *Due Form*.

The reading of minutes of proceedings held at the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The following named Companions, presenting the proper certificates, were severally balloted for and elected to receive the order of

ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID,.....	High Priest of <i>San Francisco</i>	Chapter, No. 1		
ALFRED AUGUSTUS REDINGTON,.....	" " "	<i>Sacramento</i>	" " "	3
KASKIL CASPER,	" " "	<i>Nevada</i>	" " "	6
ARTHUR HOMER DOUCHY,.....	" " "	<i>Merced</i>	" " "	12
JOHN McMURRAY,.....	" " "	<i>Trinity</i>	" " "	19
JOHN CARLETON GRAY,.....	" " "	<i>Franklin</i>	" " "	20
NOAH WILLIAM SCUDDER,.....	" " "	<i>Petaluma</i>	" " "	22
JOHN E. ALLAN,.....	" " "	<i>Oliver</i>	" " "	23
FRANK HOWARD BROOKS,.....	" " "	<i>Oakland</i>	" " "	26
JOHN GOULD BISBEE,.....	" " "	<i>Delta</i>	" " "	27
THOMAS KENT HOOK,.....	P. H.	<i>Stockton</i>	" " "	28
JOSHUA HUTCHINS VARIEL,.....	High	<i>Alturas</i>	" " "	34
EDWARD EDMUND POTTER,.....	" " "	<i>Alameda</i>	" " "	36
WM. BAINBRIDGE STOREY,	" " "	<i>Siloam</i>	" " "	37
THOMAS MARIA BITTENCOURT,.....	" " "	<i>Donner</i>	" " "	39
NATHAN CROCKER,	" " "	<i>Red Bluff</i>	" " "	40
ABNER ELIAS CHARLES,.....	" " "	<i>Solano</i>	" " "	43
ALLAN CHARLES MILLER,.....	P. H.	<i>Solano</i>	" " "	43
JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT,.....	High	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	" " "	45
PHILLIP JACOB GOUAMAZ,	" " "	<i>Lassen</i>	" " "	47
NATHAN MERRITT DUDLEY,.....	" " "	<i>Dixon</i>	" " "	48
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN THOMAS,.....	" " "	<i>Corinthian</i>	" " "	51
EDWARD WARREN KING,.....	" " "	<i>Ukiah</i>	" " "	53
JOHN ALEXANDER CALDWELL,.....	" " "	<i>Bodie</i>	" " "	55
HORACE COWEN ROLFE,.....	" " "	<i>Keystone</i>	" " "	56
ROBERT RUFUS BROWN,.....	" " "	<i>Signal</i>	" " "	57

Companion WILLIAM BARNABAS HASKELL, who was elected at the last Annual Grand Convention, and Companions ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID, ARTHUR HOMER DOUCHY, JOHN E. ALLAN, FRANK HOWARD BROOKS, THOMAS KENT HOOK, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, JOSHUA HUTCHINS VARIEL, EDWARD EDMUND POTTER, WM. BAINBRIDGE STOREY, NATHAN CROCKER, ABNER ELIAS CHARLES, JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT, PHILLIP JACOB GOUAMAZ, and ALLAN CHARLES MILLER being in waiting, were severally introduced and received the Order of High Priesthood.

The next business in order being the election of officers, the *M. E.* President appointed Companions WM. A. DAVIS and GEORGE T. GRIMES to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, resulting as follows:—

The *M. E.* WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR was elected.....*President*;
 " *R. E.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, " "*Vice President*;
 " *R. E.* EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, " "*Chaplain*;
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 " *R. E.* ALEX. GURDON ABELL, " "*Steward*.

There being no further business, the minutes of proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Convention was then closed in *But Form*.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,

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WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Sacramento.

Address of the Grand Secretary :

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

Address of the Grand Lecturer :

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

NOTICE.

The Twenty ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, A. L. 2413, A. D. 1883.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

❖GRAND❖CHAPTER❖

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OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

AT ITS

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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation, commenced at the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413.

Thomas H. Caswell,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AT ITS
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE, CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO;
COMMENCED ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413,
AND TERMINATED ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413.



GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

For the year commencing April, A. I. 2413, and ending April, A. I. 2414.

M. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT, GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *San Francisco* ;
R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES, DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *San Buenavent'a* ;
R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN, GRAND KING, *Grass Valley* ;
R. E. BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE, GRAND SCRIBE, *Petaluma* ;
R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, GRAND TREASURER, *San Francisco* ;
R. E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND SECRETARY, *San Francisco* ;
E. GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, GRAND CHAPLAIN, *Placerville* ;
E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND LECTURER, *San Francisco* ;
E. MICHAEL JAS. KEATING, GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, *San Francisco* ;
E. WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAP'N, *Downieville* ;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, GRAND ORGANIST, *San Francisco* :
" IRA COLBURN ROOT, GRAND GUARD, *San Francisco* .

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its twenty-ninth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M. E.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand High Priest* ;
 " *R. E.* LEONIDAS E PRATT,*Deputy Grand High Priest* ;
 " *R. E.* JONATHAN DOAN HINES,.....*Grand King* ;
 " *R. E.* EDWARD COLEMAN,.....*Grand Scribe* ;
 " *R. E.* HIRAM THEOPOF GRAVES,.....*Grand Treasurer* ;
 " *R. E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,*Grand Secretary* ;
 " *E.* GEORGE HEINN GILBERT,.....*Grand Chaplain* ;
 " *E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,*Grand Lecturer* ;
 " *E.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,*Grand Capt. of the Host* ;
 " *E.* MICHAEL JAMES KEATING,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain* ;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....*Grand Organist* ;
 " IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....*Grand Guard* :

FAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M. E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....*Past Grand High Priest* ;
 " *M. E.* ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* JACOB HART NEFF,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* HENRY HAY KNAPP,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN,..... " " " "
 " *M. E.* HENRY HAYNE ORME,..... " " " "

And the representatives of forty-eight chartered Chapters, and delegates of four Chapters under dispensation, together with a number of Past High Priests by service within this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Credentials: { Comp. Carnot Courtland Mason,
" Wilson Hays,
" George Alexander McKenzie.

After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, delegates of Chapters under dispensation, and Past High Priests, by service within the jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

<i>San Francisco</i> ,...No. 1,....	{ ISAAC PHILANSON KINKADE, H. P. & P. H. P.; ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, LOUIS COHN, THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Sonora</i> ,.....No. 2,....	{ STEPHEN WING, Past High Priest; EDW. A. RODGERS, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.;	
<i>Sacramento</i> ,.....No. 3,....	{ CORNELIUS KELLOGG, High Priest; WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, }	Past High Priests.
<i>California</i> ,.....No. 5,....	{ FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, High Priest and P. H. P.; CHARLES LYMAN HASKELL, King; JOSEPH McMATH, Scribe; ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, JOHN FRANCIS SNOW, HIRAM THEROOP GRAVES, LEONIDAS E. PRATT, THOMAS KYLE, ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, }	Past High Priests.
<i>Nevada</i> ,.....No. 6,.....	THOS. H. CASWELL, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.	
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....No. 9,.....	ADOLPH DOBBROWSKY, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Sutter</i> ,.....No. 11,.....	JOHN LITHGOW, High Priest and P. H. P.	
<i>Merced</i> ,.....No. 12,....	{ ARTHUR HOMER DAUCHY, High Priest and P. H. P.; HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, Past High Priest.	
<i>Washington</i> ,.....No. 13,....	{ HENRY CHARLES LOTT, High Priest and P. H. P.; ERNEST BRIGENO THOMPSON, Scribe.	

<i>Howard</i> ,.....	No. 14,.....	{ DANIEL C DUNN, High Priest; HENRY WARD WRIGHT, Scribe; WILSON HAYS, Past High Priest.
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....	No. 15,.....	JAMES VANCE, Past H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>St. James</i> ,... ..	No. 16,.....	GEORGE HELEN GILBERT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Libanus</i> ,.....	No. 17,.....	JAMES ROSS, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,... ..	No. 18,.....	{ PETER JOHNSTON, Scribe; EDWARD COLEMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....	No. 19,.....	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....	No. 20,.....	{ JOHN CARLETON GRAY, High Priest and P. H. P.; THOMAS CALLOW, CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, } Past High Priests.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....	No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....	No. 22,.....	{ JOSEPH ALONZO WISWELL, High Priest; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Oliver</i> ,.....	No. 23,.....	JOHN E ALLAN, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....	No. 24,.....	{ RICHARD MUNT, High Priest and Past High Priest; VALENTINE COOK McMURRAY, Past High Priest.
<i>Georgetown</i> ,.....	No. 25,.....	ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, High Priest & P. H. P.
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....	No. 26,.....	FRANK HOWARD BROOKS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Delta</i> ,.....	No. 27,.....	JOHN GOULD BISBEE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....	No. 28,.....	{ DORAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL, High Priest and P. H. P.; GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Past High Priest.
<i>Manzanita</i> ,.....	No. 29,.....	JOHN STORER MCBRIDE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....	No. 30,.....	{ HENRY HAY KNAPP, High Priest and P. H. P.; CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Martinez</i> ,.....	No. 31,.....	WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,	No. 32,.....	{ JAMES SETH CRAWFORD, High Priest and P. H. P.; HENRY SATRE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Alluras</i> ,.....	No. 33,.....	JAMES MILLER, Scribe.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....	No. 34,.....	{ MATTISON MYERS, High Priest and Past High Priest; CHRISTIAN THEODORE BENTZEN HALLIN, King.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....	No. 35,.....	{ NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, } Past High Priests. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, }
<i>Silvaco</i> ,.....	No. 36,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....	No. 37,.....	LOUIS SCHWARTZ, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....	No. 38,.....	{ JAMES MARTIN RODGERS, High Priest and P. H. P.; MICHAEL GAGNON, Scribe.
<i>Chico</i> ,.....	No. 39,.....	CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Solano</i> ,.....	No. 40,.....	{ ABNER ELIAS CHARLES, High Priest and P. H. P.; DANIEL MCCRARY, King.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....	No. 41,.....	ANDREW HENDERSON BRODER, H. Priest and P. H. P.
<i>San'a Rosa</i> ,.....	No. 42,.....	{ CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FARMER, King; BIRD SIDNEY YOUNG, Scribe; JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT, Past High Priest.
<i>Woodland</i> ,.....	No. 43,.....	DONALD FRASER, High Priest.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....	No. 44,.....	ENOCH STANWOOD TALBOT, pr. for H. P., K. and S.

<i>Dixon</i> ,.....	No. 48,.....	JONATHAN MERRITT DUDLEY, High P. and P. H. P.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....	No. 50,.....	{ EUGENE PRESTON FOSTER, High Priest; EDWARD TAYLOR MARE, Scribe; JONATHAN DOAN HINES, Past High Priest.
<i>Humboldt</i> ,.....	No. 52,.....	THOMAS BARNES CUTLER, proxy for H. P., K. and S.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....	No. 53,.....	WILLIAM WATKINS CUNNINGHAM, High Priest.
<i>Bodie</i> ,.....	No. 55,.....	LUTHER SLEIGHT HILDBRETH, King.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....	No. 56,.....	HORACE COWEN ROLFE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Signet</i> ,.....	No. 57,.....	ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, High Priest.
<i>Plumas</i> ,.....	No. 58,.....	ALBERT GEORGE BECHTOL, High Priest.
<i>Salinas</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	WILLIAM VANDERHURST, High Priest.
<i>Colusa</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	WILLIAM DAY DEAN, Scribe.
<i>San Diego</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLLE, High Priest.
<i>San Luis</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	LEVI RACKLIFFE, High Priest.

Which report was concurred in and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter as follows:—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA:—

It is now one year since, by your kindness, I was placed in this chair, and the time has arrived for me to resign into your hands the gavel, and report to you the manner in which I have wielded it. It has been a year of remarkable growth among the different Chapters, and the Royal Art has been unusually prosperous within this jurisdiction. The increase in our numbers has been something phenomenal, while the material furnished has been of the very highest order. This is no doubt due, in part, to the desire of many to attain the orders of Knighthood prior to the meeting of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar. Aside from this consideration, however, the Royal Craft has advanced rapidly, all are working in harmony, and perfect loyalty to the Grand Chapter exists throughout the State. In all this we recognize the care and guidance of God, the Great Ruler of Life, without whose protecting care our efforts would have produced results poor indeed.

It is not to Capitular Masonry alone that the revolving year has brought happiness, peace and prosperity. Our beloved State has been richly blessed during the past year, and the outlook for the future could hardly be more encouraging. Yet amid all this prosperity and promise, the dread messenger who, sooner or later, must summon us all to an account for "the deeds done in the body," has not passed us by unheeded. We are called to mourn the loss of two of our most revered members, each of whom had been selected to receive the highest honors in the gift of their companions.

M. E. JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH was the second Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, having been elected to that high position on the thirteenth day of April, 1855. He performed the duties of his office with distinguished ability and zeal, and contributed much, by his experience and learning, judicious council and aid, to lay broad and deep the foundation of Capitular Masonry in this State.

Companion CREIGH was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1758, and after attaining his majority he selected the law as his profession, and in which he reached the highest honors. He came to California with the throng of gold seekers in 1849, and established his residence in San Francisco, where he practiced his profession uninterruptedly until his death, with the exception of the years during which

he occupied the Judicial Bench. He was a good citizen, a true and zealous Mason, an honest and upright man. Having lived far beyond the allotted age of man, he has been gathered as a ripened sheaf to the harvest.

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

The eighteenth day of January, 1883, was a sad one to the Fraternity in this jurisdiction. On that day *M. E.* WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of Masons of California, departed this life. Companion TRAYLOR was the fourth Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, having been elected to preside over the Royal Craft on the ninth day of May, 1857. He had been Master of *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, High Priest of *Sonora* Chapter, No. 2, Commander of *Pacific* Commandery, No. 3, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California, and Grand Master of Masons of California, and at the time of his death, and for many years previous, he was President of the Grand Convention of High Priests—in all of which positions he exhibited marked ability and fidelity to the important interests committed to his keeping.

Companion TRAYLOR was born in the town of Madison, State of Georgia, on the seventeenth day of March, 1822. He came to California in 1850 and established himself in Sonora, Tuolumne County, where he was engaged in mining and other pursuits for many years. He subsequently removed to San Francisco, where for a time he engaged in mercantile pursuits and afterwards acquired valuable mining interests, from which he amassed an ample fortune, which enabled him to indulge the impulses of charity and hospitality which formed a striking feature in his character. Upright and honest in all his dealings, modest, amiable and genial in his demeanor towards all, he merited and won the respect and esteem of all who were privileged to know him. Though "lost to sight," his memory will ever be preserved green in our hearts; and as with bowed heads we mourn his loss, let us resignedly say: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

I have also received official notice of the death of *M. E.* Companion ROBERT FARMER BOWER, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The official circular announcing this sad event is from the *M. E.* Deputy General Grand High Priest, Companion ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, and reads as follows:—

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"To all the Exalted and Enlightened throughout the Globe:

"Sorrow has fallen upon our house! Clouds and darkness are round about us! but the 'Lord reigneth,' and His mercy endureth forever.

"ROBERT FARMER BOWER was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 15th day of September, 1823, and died at his residence, in Keokuk, Iowa, May 19th, 1882.

"He was made a Mason in Madison, Indiana, in 1850; was there exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on November 14th of that year, and received the Orders of Knighthood in that jurisdiction.

"Subsequently he removed to Iowa, where his companions learned to love him, and where they also gave him the highest honors. As a Representative of their Grand Chapter, he first appeared in the General Grand Chapter in 1871; was elected General Grand King in 1874; Deputy General Grand High Priest in 1877, and General Grand High Priest in 1880.

"In each of these high offices he commanded the respect and received the confidence of his associates, as he did of his brethren and companions; and it was reasonable to hope that he might be spared to complete his official term of service under their continued approbation.

"But suddenly—almost as if flashed from a clear sky—comes a cloud of gloom, bearing the sad news of his death, and we are called to mourn the loss of our *M. E.* General Grand High Priest. A diligent Masonic student, he had received all of the degrees in the York and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, and understood their mystic philosophy. Accomplished in the social and domestic virtues; trusted in business and banking circles; useful and honored as a citizen; patriotic and devoted to duty, as men count age, he had many years of usefulness before him; but, view it as we may, his life and character were well shaped and rounded.

"It is therefore directed that suitable emblems of mourning be displayed on the jewels and altars of all subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, for the term of six months after the receipt hereof; and all State Grand Chapters are requested to exhibit similar tokens, until, and at, their next Annual Convocations, respectively, and to take such further action in harmony herewith as to them it seem expedient.

"It is further directed that this memorial circular be read in, and spread upon the records of, each Grand and subordinate Chapter in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

"Given under my hand, at the City of Boston, Massachusetts, this 25th day of May, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412, under the seal of the General Grand Chapter, duly attested.

[SEAL.]

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Deputy Gen. Gr. High Priest.

"Attest:

"CHRISTOPHER G. FOX.

"Grand Secretary."

The decease of these illustrious Masons, merits more than a casual notice, or passing comment. We are taught thereby, that death is no respecter of persons, but that the high and the low must alike find the level of the grave, and that each mortal must "put on immortality." Let us then, my companions, so order our lives and conduct that we may illustrate our belief that "It is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die." I would respectfully suggest that a committee be appointed to give expression to the sentiments of this Grand Chapter in the great loss it has sustained.

After the close of the last session of the Grand Chapter, I received and approved the official bonds of the Grand Secretary in the sum of six thousand dollars, and of the Grand Treasurer in the sum of ten thousand dollars; both of which are herewith submitted.

On the sixth day of May last, I authorized and appointed Companion ALLEN WOOD, P. H. P. of *Lassen* Chapter, No. 47, to constitute in form *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58, and install its officers in accordance with the forms and usages of the Royal Craft; which duty was performed and returns made to the Grand Secretary.

On the twenty-second day of April, I issued a dispensation to Companions WILLIAM VANDERHURST, High Priest, WILLIAM PITT LEROY WINHAM, King, SAMUEL FRANKLIN GEIL, Scribe, and other companions, to organize a Chapter at Salinas, Monterey County, to be called *Salinas* Chapter—the recommendation of *Temple* Chapter, No. 41, having been obtained and all the other requirements of the Constitution being complied with.

On the nineteenth day of July, I issued a dispensation to Companions FRED. FURTH, as High Priest, WILLIAM FERRINGTON MASON, King, WILLIAM DAY DEAN, Scribe, and other companions, to organize a Chapter at Colusa, Colusa County, to be called *Colusa* Chapter, having received the recommendation of *Washington* Chapter, No. 13, and all constitutional requirements being complied with.

On the eighteenth day of October, I issued a dispensation to Companions WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLS, as High Priest, JOHN WALDO THOMPSON, King, WILLIAM WALLACE STEWART, Scribe, and other companions, to organize a new Chapter at San Diego, San Diego County, to be called *San Diego* Chapter, the recommendation of *Key-stone* Chapter, No. 56, having been obtained and all constitutional requirements being strictly complied with.

On the fourteenth day of November, I issued a dispensation to Companions LEVI RACKLIFFE, High Priest, FREDERICK ADAMS, King, HIRAM BLOOM, Scribe, and other companions, to form and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, to be called *San Luis* Chapter; *Corinthian* Chapter, No. 51, having recommended the petition and all the legal requirements being complied with.

The several papers upon which said dispensations were issued will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary for your consideration and approval.

On December eleventh, a dispensation was issued to *Phumas* Chapter, No. 58, to hold an election for High Priest, the High Priest elect having refused to be installed, and having dimitted from the Chapter.

On December 19th, 1882, I issued a dispensation to *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 40, to elect officers on the twenty-first of the same month, good and sufficient reasons therefor having been given.

On January 3d, 1883, I issued a dispensation to *Siloam* Chapter, No. 37, to elect officers on January sixth, they having failed to do so at the proper time prescribed in the Constitution.

And on January 17th, 1883, I issued a dispensation to *Humboldt* Chapter, No. 52, to elect officers for the ensuing year. The reasons given were, that the hall was occupied on the evening of election by *Humboldt* Lodge, No. 19, thereby rendering it impossible for the Chapter to hold its annual meeting.

On June sixth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Solano* Chapter, No. 43, changing the time of its stated meetings.

On November fourteenth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Merced* Chapter, No. 12, reducing the dues of each member to four dollars per annum.

On November twentieth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Howard* Chapter, No. 14, which reduced the dues of each member to two dollars per year.

On December 9th, 1882, I received and approved the By-Laws of *San Luis* and *San Diego* Chapters, U. D.

On December twelfth, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Grass Valley* Chapter, No. 18, reducing fees for the degrees from eighty to fifty dollars.

On January 3d, 1883, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38, reducing the monthly dues from fifty to twenty-five cents per month.

On January 9th, 1883, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Ukiah* Chapter, No. 53, by which the dues of members were fixed at four dollars per year.

On January 10th, 1883, I received and approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, reducing the dues from one dollar to fifty cents per month.

On January 19th, 1883, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28, reducing the dues from three dollars to one dollar per year.

On January 26th, 1883, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38, changing the time of meeting.

On March 6th, 1883, I received and approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Nevada* Chapter, No. 6, in which the fees were reduced to fifty dollars. Also fixing the dues of members at twenty-five instead of fifty cents per month.

At the last session of this Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary presented a petition from Companion JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, a member of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Companion WM. A. DAVIES, from that Committee, reported verbally that as the session was near its close, the committee could not, for want of time, fully inquire into the matter; and, therefore, recommended that the whole subject be referred to the Grand High Priest for such action as to him might seem necessary and proper. While this was a duty which was not very pleasant to undertake, and while I believe it is one not fully devolved upon the Grand High Priest, still, as it was the will of this Grand Body, I entered upon its discharge with all the zeal I was capable of. I gave the subject that careful consideration which so grave and important a question should rightfully receive. I sought for precedents to base my action upon, but was unable to find any; I therefore acted in the premises as my better judgment dictated. On October 4th, 1882, I sent a communication to JOHN C. CALDWELL, High Priest of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, requesting him to send to Companion EDWARD EDMOND PORTER, High Priest of *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, the original charges preferred in *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, against Companion JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY. On the same day I

mailed the following communication to Companion EDWARD EDMOND POTTER, High Priest of *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, at Oakland, California :—

"I have this day directed Companion JOHN A. CALDWELL, High Priest of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, at Bodie, California, to send to you by mail the original charges preferred in *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, against Companion JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, upon the receipt of which, you will convene your Chapter in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of California, and after all arrangements shall be completed, you will proceed with the trial of Companion DAWLEY. When the trial is completed and a verdict rendered, you will send the result thereof, under seal, together with all the papers in the case, to Grand Secretary Companion THOMAS H. CASWELL, at San Francisco. You will also send bill of all expenses incurred."

This Order has not been complied with, but will, I understand, be presented during the session for such further action as to you shall seem meet and proper.

On May 6th, I appointed the *M. E.* Companion WILLIAM R. KEMAN as Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions continue to be pleasant and harmonious, for full particulars of which I refer you to the able Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companions, the twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Denver, Colorado, on Monday, August 13th, 1883. While I have had no official notice of such intention, I am persuaded that the officers of that Grand Body will visit this city during the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, to be holden in this city on the twenty-first of August next. Some action should therefore be taken by this Grand Chapter for the purpose of properly entertaining such of our distinguished companions as may visit us on that occasion.

I have made the following rulings during the year :—

Question. Is it necessary for a brother dimitting from a Lodge outside this State to wait until he has affiliated here before he can petition for the Chapter degrees?

Answer. That membership in a Lodge of Master Masons is necessary; and that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons cannot receive a petition for the degrees in the Chapter from a non-affiliated Mason.

Ques. What course shall we take with a companion whose name is on the roll of the Chapter, but is a non-affiliated Mason, and is not contributing to any Lodge of Master Masons?

Ans. A Royal Arch Mason situated like the one mentioned is a suspended Mason under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, and is not entitled to any of the rights and privileges of Blue Lodge Masonry; and being thus suspended in his Lodge, suspends him in his Chapter also. In other words, he cannot be recognized in any manner either in Lodge or Chapter.

Ques. A Master Mason applies for admission into the Chapter. He is elected to receive the degrees, but before the Mark Master's degree is conferred an objection is made to the admission of the candidate. Must the companion objecting state his reasons therefor, or is it equivalent to a rejection by ballot?

Ans. That it is equivalent to a rejection by ballot, and the reason for such objection cannot be demanded.

During the year an unusual number of letters have been received and queried which I believe would have been unnecessary had the Constitution of our Grand Chapter been full and complete. Relying as we now do upon both the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Constitutions, much confusion results among the majority of the newly elected officers of our subordinates. I would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter; also, that all decisions of my predecessors, which have been sustained and adopted by this Grand Body, be collated and placed under the head of General Regulations. I would also recommend that Section 1, of Article IV, be amended so that the

Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter shall commence on the second Monday of April in each year instead of second Tuesday, as now provided.

Ill health and the demands of business have prevented my anticipated visits to many of the Chapters during the year. I have, however, had personal interviews with very many companions of the subordinate Chapters, and from this source and the few visitations I have been able to make I can report Capitular Masonry in a most flourishing condition, and that a large amount of work has been done throughout the jurisdiction during the past year. I desire especially to mention an official visit made to *Nolano* Chapter, No. 43. On November eleventh I visited this Chapter and witnessed the work of the Royal Arch degree. It was well done, and after the Chapter was closed, a banquet was spread in the Chapter-room, and the wives, daughters and lady friends of the companions were invited to participate. Music and singing were the order of the hour, and a royal time was had; one long to be remembered. On this visit I was most hospitably entertained by Companion COLUMBUS P. REEVES and lady.

Companions, before surrendering the trust which your kind partiality conferred one year ago, permit me to tender my thanks to the officers of this Grand Chapter for the courteous kindness with which I have been treated by them, and to you also for the honor you have conferred upon me; and to bespeak for my successor a continuance of your generous confidence and support. It is a pleasing duty to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered me by the Grand Secretary, whose extensive experience, sound judgment and logical reasoning render him an adviser and counselor of no ordinary merit. To this accomplished Masonic scholar and jurist, I, like my predecessors, have been deeply indebted. No tribute I might pay to his excellence could add to the brightness of his reputation at home or abroad. All my efforts have been ably and cheerfully seconded by him, and in a manner which has created in my breast a friendship for him which will not cease with the ending of our official relations.

Companions, the record of my official acts is before you. If all shall be found consistent with the customs, the laws and usages of our Royal Craft, and shall tend to promote the general welfare and harmony of the several Chapters under our jurisdiction, your approval will afford ample compensation for whatever of earnest endeavor and anxious solicitude the performance of these duties may have occasioned me. And in surrendering to you the office with which your partiality invested me one year ago, let me assure you that the pleasing memories of the year now past, will ever be fondly cherished by me; and, that in closing my official relation with you, it is not my intention to retire from active duty as a member of this Grand Chapter, but remembering the debt of gratitude I owe for the distinguished honors conferred, I will be ever ready to do all in my power to promote the welfare of our Royal Craft.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
Grand High Priest.

Which address was ordered to be referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address:.....	{	Comp. William Abraham Davies,
		" Henry Hay Knapp,
		" Henry Sayre Orme.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation :—

Forty days after the close of the Convocation of 1882, the proceedings thereof were printed, and the usual number distributed as follows : One copy to each of the Grand Officers and elective Past Grand Officers ; one copy to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters ; four copies to each subordinate Chapter of our jurisdiction, and three copies were transmitted to each of the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

Plumas Chapter, No. 58, to which a charter was granted at the last Grand Convocation, was properly constituted and the officers thereof duly installed by Comp. ALLEN WOOD, Past High Priest of *Lassen* Chapter, No. 47, specially authorized by the Grand High Priest for that purpose. The letter of authorization, together with the report, are herewith submitted.

By order of the Grand High Priest, dispensations to form new Chapters have been issued as follows :—

On the twenty-second day of April, 1882, to Comps. WILLIAM VANDERHURST, WILLIAM PITT LEROY WINHAM, SAMUEL FRANKLIN GEIL, and eight other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Salinas, Monterey County, to be called *Salinas* Chapter :

On the nineteenth day of July, 1882, to Comps. FRED. FURTH, WILLIAM FERINGTON MASON, WILLIAM DAY DEAN, and fourteen other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Colusa, Colusa County, to be called *Colusa* Chapter :

On the eighteenth day of October, 1882, to Comps. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLLE, JOHN WALDO THOMPSON, WILLIAM WALLACE STEWART, and eight other companions, to form and open a Chapter at San Diego, San Diego County, to be called *San Diego* Chapter ;

And on the fourteenth day of November, 1882, to Comps. LEVI RACKLIFFE, FREDERICK ADAMS, HERMAN BLOOM, and eleven other companions, to form and open a Chapter at San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, to be called *San Luis* Chapter. The petitions for dispensations, and all the papers required by the Constitution, Record Books, By-Laws, and returned dispensations, together with the petitions for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee.

During the year the following special dispensations have been issued by order of the Grand High Priest :—

On the eleventh day of December, 1882, to *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58, to elect a High Priest :

On the nineteenth day of December, 1882, to *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 40 ; on the third day of January, 1883, to *Siloam* Chapter, No. 37, and on January seventeenth, 1883, to *Humboldt* Chapter, No. 52, to elect officers of the respective Chapters at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

A commission as representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was issued to Comp. WILLIAM R. KEENAN, on the sixth day of May, 1882.

Amendments to the By-Laws of several of the subordinate Chapters, relating to changes in the amounts of fees and dues and in the time of holding the stated meetings, and all approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, are herewith submitted for reference to the proper committee.

That Royal Arch Masonry has been more prosperous in this jurisdiction during the past year than ever before since the organization of this Grand Chapter, will

plainly appear from the following, collated from the returns of subordinate Chapters for the year ending January 31st, 1883:—

Number exalted during the year,	486
“ affiliated,.....	80
“ restored.....	25
“ petitioners for new Chapters,	53
Total increase,.....	664
Number withdrawn,.....	112
“ excluded,.....	11
“ suspended for non-payment of dues,.....	32
“ expelled,.....	1
“ died,.....	64
Total decrease,.....	220
Net increase,.....	434

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the year:—

Received from chartered Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1883,.....	\$5057 00
“ “ three members of late Quincy Chapter, No. 32,.....	18 00
“ “ Salinas Chapter, dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1883,.....	157 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ Colusa dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1883,.....	111 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ San Diego dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1883,.....	71 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ San Luis dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1883,.....	125 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ dispensations to elect officers,.....	20 00
“ “ ten diplomas,.....	20 00
“ “ sale of proceedings, (7 bound volumes and 1 pamphlet,).....	14 50
“ “ dividends Masonic Hall Association,.....	540 00
Making total receipts for the year,.....	\$6633 50

Amount paid Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented,.....\$6633 50
Thirty-four warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,
amounting in the aggregate to \$3137 14

Repeated effort have been made by the undersigned since last Annual Convocation, to recover the charter, records and properties of the late Lakeport Chapter, No. 54, so long and so presciently withheld by its High Priest, and other of its members; but no satisfactory result was obtained, nor progress made in the direction of a compliance with the orders of the Grand Chapter until very recently, as will appear from the following letter, received on the 8th instant:—

LAKEPORT, APRIL 5, 1883.

Thos. H. Camwell, Esq.,

Dear Sir: I send you by W. F. & Co's Express, the property of the late Lakeport Chapter. I have sent all that I could find. I think the late Secretary, Companion H. A. OLIVER, must have had some of the books. If there is anything missing let me know, and I will try and find it. Mr. F. D. TUNIS is absent from Lakeport; when he returns he will write you.

Very respectfully,

On the ninth inst., the packages referred to in the above, were received and found to contain all the robes, jewels, working tools, banners, etc., etc., together with the charter, record book, by-laws, roll book and Guard's register, belonging to *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54. The ledger and cash book only are lacking; the former of which will be necessary whenever the Grand Chapter shall order the restoration of the late members of *Lakeport* No. 54.

It is to be regretted that the articles were not received some months earlier. Had they been, a sale could have been made to one of the new Chapters organized during the past year, and a sum realized, nearly, if not wholly, sufficient to pay all the outstanding indebtedness of the Chapter. *Washington*, No. 13, which had arranged to purchase the robes, etc., as reported last year by the undersigned, has supplied itself with an outfit, and of course no longer needs them. All that can, shall be done, however, that the interests of both the Grand and *Lakeport* Chapters may be furthered, and best promoted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation:—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

1882.		DR.	
April 10.	To balance on hand as per last report,.....	\$533 16	
July 1 t,			
Dec. 31	" cash received from Grand Secretary,.....	606 50	
1882.			CR.
April 11.	By amounts paid delegates, as per pay roll,.....		\$1299 00
" 12.	" " Grand Officers, as per pay roll,.....		150 00
" 17.	Paid Grand Guard, voucher No. 1,.....		25 00
June 3.	" for portrait of Grand High Priest ORME, voucher No. 8,.....		75 00
June 24.	" for printing proceedings, voucher No. 7,.....		669 00
Aug. 2.	" for Grand Organist, voucher No. 12,.....		25 00
" 4.	" for dues to General Grand Chapter, No. 16,.....		31 44
Sept. 20.	" for rent of Gr. Secretary's office, voucher No. 19,		300 00
Dec. 7.	" for expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 22,.....		119 35
" 7.	" for salary Grand Secretary, April, Nov., inclusive, as per vouchers Nos. 4, 5, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23,...		1200 00
	Balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1883,		2095 27
		\$5989 66	\$5989 66

1883.

Jan. 1.	To balance on hand,.....	\$2095 27	
Jan. 2 to			
April 7.	To amounts received from Grand Secretary to date,...	6027 00	
April 7.	By amount paid expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 83, ...		91 75
" 7.	" amounts paid salary Grand Secretary, Dec., 1882, to March, 1883, inc., Nos. 24, 26, 30, 32,.....		600 00
	Balance on hand April 7,.....		7430 52
		<u>\$8122 27</u>	<u>\$8122 27</u>

Assets of the Grand Chapter—

Cash on hand, as above,.....	\$7430 52
900 shares Masonic Hall stock,.....	9000 00
	<u>\$16,430 52</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. GRAVES,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report, on the "books, papers and accounts" of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances beg leave to report that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary's office; have verified them by comparison with the returns of the subordinate Chapters, and the receipts of the Grand Treasurer—the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer have also been carefully examined. We find the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be correct in every particular, and herewith submit a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter, for the year ending April 9th, 1883:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance of Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer per report of April 11, 1882...	\$3383 16
Dues received from chartered Chapters.....	5057 00
" " " Chapters under dispensation.....	464 00
" " " three members Quincy Chapter No. 32.....	18 00
Dispensation fee, from the following Chapters, U. O., Salinas, Colusa, San Diego and San Luis.....	300 00
Charter fee from the same Chapters.....	200 00
Dispensation to elect officers in Plumas, Red Bluff, Humboldt and Siskiyou Chapters.....	20 00
From sale of 7 vols. of proceedings and 1 pamphlet.....	14 50
Fees for 10 diplomas.....	20 00
Dividends on 900 shares Masonic Hall Association stock.....	540 00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$12,016 66</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of delegates, Convocation of 1882,	\$1299 00
“ “ Grand Officers, 1882,	150 00
Salary of Grand Secretary and as Chairman of Com. on Correspondence, ..	1800 00
“ “ Organist,	25 00
“ “ “ Guard,	25 00
Printing and binding proceedings of 1882,	689 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office,	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter,	31 44
Contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office, stationery, stamps, fuel, etc.,	211 70
Portrait Past Grand High Priest H. S. ORME,	75 00
Total expenditures,	\$4586 14

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY,	} Committee.
I. P. KINCAID,	
H. N. RUCKER,	
HENRY C. LOTT,	

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters—thirty-six in number—have been received and reviewed:—

ALABAMA,	for Dec. 6, 1881	MASSACHUSETTS, Mch. 8 to Dec. 27, 1881-2	
ARKANSAS,	" Nov. 24, 1882	MICHIGAN,	for Jan. 17, 1882
CANADA,	" July 14, 1882	MISSISSIPPI,	" Feb. 6, 1882
COLORADO,	" Sept. 21, 1882	MISSOURI,	" May 4, 1882
CONNECTICUT,	" May 9, 1882	NEBRASKA,	" Dec. 19, 1882
DELAWARE,	" Jan. 18, 1882	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	" May 16, 1882
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	" March 13, 1882	NEW JERSEY,	" Sept. 18, 1882
ENGLAND AND WALES,	" 1881-82	NEW YORK,	" Feb. 7, 1882
FLORIDA,	" Jan. 17, 1882	NORTH CAROLINA,	" May 30, 1882
GEORGIA,	" April 26, 1882	OHIO,	" Sept. 20, 1882
ILLINOIS,	" Oct. 26, 1882	OREGON,	" May 9, 1882
INDIANA,	" Oct. 18, 1882	SOUTH CAROLINA,	" Feb. 14, 1882
IOWA,	" Sept. 12, 1882	TENNESSEE,	" Feb. 3, 1882
KANSAS,	" Feb. 14, 1882	TEXAS,	" Dec. 14, 1882
KENTUCKY,	" Oct. 17, 1882	VERMONT,	" June 16, 1882
LOUISIANA,	" Feb. 14, 1882	VIRGINIA,	" Aug. 8, 1882
MAINE,	" May 2, 1882	WEST VIRGINIA,	" 1881-82
MARYLAND,	" Nov. 14, 1882	WISCONSIN,	" Feb. 21, 1882

This completes the list of Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence, with the exception of Minnesota, Nevada, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, Quebec, and Rhode Island—six in number—for all which we have written but failed to receive even an answer, except in the cases of Nevada and Rhode Island, whose absence is accounted for by the fact that they publish only biennially. Even our next door neighbor, Oregon, is *slow* in coming to hand, and why, “no fellow can find out.”

We begin, as usual, with—

ALABAMA.

The fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Montgomery on the sixth day of December, 1881,—the R. E. LUCKY WALKER JENKINS, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DANIEL SAYRE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Deputy Grand High Priest we are grieved to learn that our companions of Alabama have sustained a sad loss in the death of their Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. JAMES HERVEY JOINER; of him, Comp. JENKINS says:—

"Companion JOINER was a kind, true, and noble friend; a zealous and valuable Mason; and a devoted and consistent Christian, whose usefulness was acknowledged, and whose influence was felt in every sphere of life to which Providence called him. He was born in the State of South Carolina, November 17th, 1819, and departed this life at his late residence in Talladega, September 6th, 1881, being nearly sixty-two years of age at the time of his death. For thirty years he was a zealous Mason, during which time he filled every station in both Lodge and Chapter, from the humblest member to Most Excellent Grand High Priest; from which last position he was removed by death, having filled it for three years with marked dignity and ability, and a courtesy of manner peculiar to himself. For more than forty years he was a faithful Christian, whose heart and energies were ever devoted to the service of his Master; and I doubt not his was '*good work, and true work; such work as will be received.*' As a man, he was clear and wise of judgment, firm in his convictions, amiable in disposition, and honored and respected by all whose good fortune it was to know him."

We sincerely sympathize with our companions in their affliction. The saddest duty which the Masonic reporter has to perform, is to chronicle the demise of some beloved companion, who, as in the case of Comp. JOINER, has stood for many years a shining light in Masonry, and whose light has been extinguished by the wings of the "Dark Angel;" and we are only consoled by the thought that "our loss is their eternal gain."

He reports that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry have in the main been prosperous in that jurisdiction, and recommends that the Committee on Work have ample time to exemplify all the Work and Lectures of the Ritual, for the benefit of the Representatives.

The resolution, adopted in 1868, requiring candidates for advancement to be examined as to their proficiency in each degree, was rescinded. The Representatives from other Grand Chapters, including Comp. WILLIAM D. WADSWORTH for California, were presented and cordially welcomed as Representatives of their respective Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

A committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to the family of the late Grand High Priest—a graceful acknowledgment of appreciation of the character and services of the deceased.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the graceful pen of the veteran Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS; a sufficient guaranty for its excellence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters in his usual courteous and fraternal manner, the report covering sixty pages of the Annual. California, for 1881, receives a good share of his attention. Of the Address of Comp. TINNIN, he says: "It is such a one as would be likely to emanate from one who desired conscientiously to discharge his whole duty to the Craft."

Of our report for that year he says: "The Report on Correspondence is as usual made by the Grand Secretary, Comp. CASWELL, and in it we do not find Alabama, the proceedings not being in time for review." We have so long been accustomed to place Alabama at the head of our reports, that the failure to receive the proceedings in time mars the serenity of our disposition for several hours; and, as under such circumstances, we are subject to fits,—of *choler*—, we trust that Comp. SAYRE, the genial Grand Secretary, will in future be careful that our malady is not unnecessarily increased. He quotes our remarks on cheap Masonry with the following comment:

"We so entirely concur in his views on the subject of cheap Masonry, that we copy them and endorse them as our own."

He further says:—

"We find everywhere throughout the report, our companion advocates, with great force, the right of an officer of a Chapter of whatever grade, at any time, either to resign or to dimitt, and his arguments are strong indeed. The reverse of this proposition is held in this jurisdiction, and we know of no such event having occurred which should have put us to thinking upon this subject. So that we state the bare fact without comment or endorsement.

"The report also shows the writer's great hostility to the '*mergement*' of the Cryptic with the Capitular Degrees. This question no longer agitates this jurisdiction, but may be considered settled since our G. Council approved the formation of the G. G. Council and became a constituent part thereof; but we fear that it will take more than this simple act to revive the carcasses of dead Councils. Would that it were otherwise."

In his conclusion we find the following:—

"To our confrères of the quill we bid adieu. They have ever treated us with all the consideration we deserved, and with uniform courtesy; and so long as the sands of life continue to run, the communings that we have had with them will constitute a green spot in memory,—and to you all, our companions of this jurisdiction, we bid you, as reporter, adieu."

The Grand Chapter, however, found means to induce Comp. PILLANS to reconsider his determination, and we are happy to announce that he still occupies the reportorial chair.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the Treasury of \$36.68.

There are twenty-nine subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 682.

The M. E. LUCKY WALKER JENKINS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. DANIEL SAYRE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter are held in the city of Montgomery, on Tuesday after the first Monday in December of each year.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Little Rock on the twenty-fourth day of November, 1882,—the R. E. GEORGE L. KIMBALL, Grand King, presiding, the R. E. JAMES A. HENRY being Grand Secretary. Seventeen chartered Chapters and one under dispensation, were represented.

At the afternoon session, the Deputy Grand High Priest put in an appearance. The Finance Committee presented their report, showing a balance in the Treasury of \$571.48.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Convocation, renounced its jurisdiction over the Council Degrees; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the order made in 1880, requiring subordinate Chapters to report the members of R. and S. Masters be, and the same is hereby, rescinded."

An evening session was held, upon which occasion the work in the several degrees was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer. Upon the following morning the Grand High Priest, M. E. CALLE H. STONE, arrived and took his seat. His address is confined principally to local affairs. He declined to take action in the matter of the Garfield Monument Association, on the ground that permanent claims upon their charities nearer home existed; and instanced the establishment of a World's Masonic Hospital at the sanitarium hot springs in that State. He says:—

"The Masons of Arkansas owe it to the Craft throughout the world—especially the United States—to take the necessary steps for the ultimate erection of such a hospital."

He finds nothing in the proceedings of other Grand Chapters to which he wishes to call attention, and makes the following singular acknowledgment:—

"As to Capitular Masonry in Arkansas, I have to acknowledge, as did my illustri-

If the Grand High Priest does not take sufficient interest in the affairs of his jurisdiction to post himself on the condition of the Order within it, it is hardly to be expected that any great degree of enthusiasm will be developed by subordinates.

"From all the correspondence received, I am satisfied there is but one main cause of want of interest in, and consequent degeneracy of Capitalar Masonry in Arkansas. That is, inefficient officers—especially Secretaries of subordinate Chapters."

Here, we think, he might have appropriately added, "and Grand High Priests." He further says:—

"Secretaries do not try to collect dues at the proper time. High Priests do not enforce the By-Laws.

"Companions are allowed to become in arrears for dues, until the amount becomes a burden that many are unable to bear. The Chapter gets short of funds, and the Grand Chapter dues are not paid. The Secretary complains that the members do not pay—when, in nine cases out of ten, it is his fault in not notifying them. Every year should witness a complete examination of the financial status of each member with his Chapter."

Secretaries of Chapters are immediately under the supervision of the High Priest, and he should be held responsible for the proper performance of the duties of his subordinates. If the High Priest neglects his duties, it becomes the province of the Grand High Priest to call him to an account, that the interests of the Craft may not suffer. We recommend the concluding portions of the following quotation from his own address, to the particular attention of the Grand High Priest:—

"If some are found unable to pay dues, and are otherwise worthy members, remit the dues for that year; and if such are at all worthy, they will try to pay next time. Another great trouble is, the officers of many Chapters are not sufficiently instructed in the Ritual to make the meetings of any profit or interest to those who attend; and are totally incapable of conferring the several degrees, as they should be conferred. No companion should accept office without being fully determined to fulfill his installation vows.

"In assuming the honors, he should be mindful of the duties—the faithful performance of which alone confers the honor."

One dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter. Three defaulting Chapters under promise of compliance with the law were allowed to retain their charters. The charters of six Chapters had been revoked by the Grand High Priest, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters, twelve more were marked for slaughter.

The Committee on "Masonic Law and Usage," in response to the question: "Must subordinate Chapters pay Grand Chapter dues on honorary members?" answered in the negative.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That no honorary member of a Chapter shall be allowed to vote or hold office in such subordinate Chapter."

Which strikes us as somewhat discouraging to honoraries. Also—

"Resolved, That not exceeding one substitute shall be used in exalting candidates under any circumstances."

If one is permissible, why not two?

There is no Report on Correspondence, but we are pleased to notice that a committee was appointed with Comp. FAY HEMPSTEAD as chairman; and we hope to see a full report next year. The proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters are published with those of the Grand Chapter, it being the first Annual Assembly of that Grand Body since 1878.

There are forty-four chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, and one under dispensation, having an aggregate membership of 1,240.

The M. E. JOHN J. SUMPTER was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JAMES A. HENRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Little Rock, on the twenty-

CANADA.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of London, Ontario, on the fourteenth day of July, 1882,—*M. E. Comp.* DONALD ROSS, Grand Z., presiding, *R. E. Comp.* DAVID McLELLAN being Grand Scribe E. Fifty-three, out of seventy-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand Z. is brief but comprehensive, and from its tenor we infer that his official duties have not been particularly arduous. In his exordium he feelingly and fraternally alludes to the death of our late President, as follows:—

“A good Mason—President GARFIELD—the ruler of a great and kindred nation, has passed away; in his life he sanctified the profession of Masonry, both by speech and example; in his death he bowed to the decree of Providence with patience and resignation, and passed peacefully away after all his sufferings to, we hope, an eternal rest.”

He makes the sad announcement that *M. E. Comp.* THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, Past Grand Z., had suddenly been called to render an account of his stewardship, and that the dread messenger came without warning. The *M. E.* companion expired suddenly while conversing with his family at his home, in Prescott. He had long been identified with the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada, and was almost as well known, and quite as much respected, in the United States as in his own jurisdiction; and by his death a vacancy has been created which our companions of Canada will find it difficult to fill. We sincerely mourn with them the loss of a companion so zealous, true, and faithful.

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

We note the following rulings in which we fully concur, although the latter is not the practice in this jurisdiction:—

“1st. That an objection to the advancement of a candidate cannot be entertained without cause.

“2d. A brother cannot be advanced to the several degrees in Royal Arch Masonry without being a Master Mason three months.”

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, (equivalent to our Grand Lodge Inspectors,) show the subordinates to be mainly in a healthy and flourishing condition, and we were especially pleased with the able and exhaustive report of Comp. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Superintendent of the Toronto district. This district comprises twelve Chapters, and the condition of each is carefully, minutely, and intelligently reported upon; and, in many cases, valuable practical suggestions are made, which, if acted upon, will inevitably result in great benefit to the Chapters. The following meets our unqualified approval:—

“I pointed out to officers of Chapters:

“1st. That as discussion had taken place regarding the proper clothing to be worn at funerals, and that, although the Constitution permitted the attendance at funerals of Royal Arch Masons properly clothed, the simple clothing worn by Craft Lodges was more appropriate; and that a more elaborate display was unnecessary and should be avoided, the exception being where Chapters were specially convened to take part in the ceremony. My reasons for referring to the matter were that my personal attention had been called on several occasions to the wearing of R. A. clothing by three or four companions, the rest of the brethren attending as Craft Masons. The service is a Craft ceremony, and it is in keeping with it that those attending should be clothed as Craft Masons.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$2,018.44, and the total assets of the Grand Chapter amount to \$8,018.44.

Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON again presented the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, including California for 1882. The report is a credit to its author, and to the Grand Chapter which he represents. In his review of California he extracts copiously from the address of *M. E. Comp.* ORME, which he terms a “very able” one.

In reviewing our report of that year, he says:—

“He quotes a resolution passed at that meeting regarding a scheme of benevolence

nous of evil.' We suppose that Comp. CASWELL imagined that we were contemplating the establishment of a mutual insurance society, but we had no such intention. We do not believe in mixing up Masonry with the insurance business, but there can be no objection to our having some system of disbursing our Grand Chapter funds, when necessary for the relief of distressed companions."

We did fear that the resolution pointed to some insurance scheme, and we are pleased to learn that we were in error. Certainly there can be no objection to the Grand Chapter taking measures to systematize its benevolence, if it elects so to do.

He quotes our jocose paragraph on the use of Grand Representatives, and comments as follows:—

"It appears from the following paragraph that they have found the true use and employment of the Grand Representatives. Long may they continue to represent, and may the Grand Representative of Canada he always found at his post of duty, especially when we arrive there."

We have no doubt the Representative of Canada will be found at his post, prepared to perform his duty; and we trust Comp. ROBERTSON will favor us with a visit in August next, when all the world, including "our sisters and our cousins and our aunts," and the rest of mankind, are coming. There will be a great gathering; but the resources of the firm of Push and Pull are boundless, and there will be enough for all.

The Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. were re-elected. In this jurisdiction there are seventy-seven subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 3,435.

COLORADO.

The eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Denver, on the the twenty-first day of December, 1882,—the M. E. ROGER WOODBURY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE being Grand Secretary. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in a well considered address, asserts the doctrine which we have ever maintained, viz: that Grand High Priests possess no powers or prerogatives not delegated to them by the Constitutions of their respective Grand Chapters; and upon this subject, he says:—

"The Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter confer upon the Grand High Priest authority to do the following-named acts: to grant letters of dispensation for the opening of new Chapters; to preside at meetings of the Grand Chapter; to take charge of the property of defunct Chapters; to appoint standing committees; and to report his official acts. These are all the powers I find delegated to the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction. All others remain vested in the Grand Chapter. Upon the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest I quote the following from our lamented Companion Dr. MACKAY:

"As the office has been constitutionally created by the Grand Chapter, and did not precede it, as that of Grand Masters did the Grand Lodges, he possesses no inherent prerogatives, but only those which are derived from and delegated to him by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and regulations formed under it for the government of Royal Arch Masonry."

"During the year I have endeavored to be governed by these facts; I have declined to grant dispensations to ballot out of the regular time. I have declined the performance of acts not delegated to the Grand High Priest, except certain requests relating to the installation of officers, and in one case I made an appointment of Grand Representative before noting the fact that there was no authority but custom for it. I am of the opinion that it was never intended to restrict the Grand High Priest to the performance of the duties heretofore enumerated, because it is assumed by many that this officer has powers corresponding to those of the Grand Master. Hence it might not have been thought necessary to specify in detail what he might do. The contrary, however, is the fact, and it was therefore my duty to take the law as I found it, and call your attention to the situation. Then if you desire the Grand High Priest to exercise any functions now vested in the Grand Chapter alone, you should say so plainly. It may sometimes be necessary for him to call special convocations of the Grand or subordinate Chapters; or to suspend officers from their functions; to suspend charters, and do various other matters for the welfare of the Craft, but he has no such authority now.

"Masonry teaches order and obedience to law; and the highest officer of the jurisdiction cannot set an example of breaking it. It has been urged that the Grand

Chapter would acquiesce in whatever the Grand High Priest might think it advisable to do, which may be true; but if the Grand High Priest assumes one power, he may another, and there is no limit to which he may proceed."

This, in our opinion, is the true doctrine; the executive head of the Order should be the last to countenance an infraction of the law, and we are aware that we shall excite the "holy horror" of some of our "old foggy" contemporaries, when we assert that the theory applies with equal force to Grand Masters of symbolic Lodges. Before the adoption of written Constitutions, Grand Masters were autocrats and did pretty much as they pleased; but in these enlightened days, when each Grand Lodge is governed by its own Constitution, we contend that the Grand Master is as firmly bound by its provisions as the humblest member of the Fraternity. We are no believer in the doctrine of inherent rights of Grand Masters.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter. Several decisions were rendered, but, as they are all covered by the *lex scripta*, we omit them.

The Grand High Priest closes his address by a feeling allusion to the death of M^r. E. Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWEN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the treasury of \$2,722.72.

As a matter of information, we insert the following report from the Committee on Triennial Convocation :-

"To the M^r. E. Grand Chapter:

"Your committee appointed two years ago to make arrangements for the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter to be held in August, 1883, beg to report: That their inquiries have led them to consider,

"1. What special rates can be obtained from the railroad companies between the Missouri River and Denver.

"2. What special hotel rates can be obtained in Denver.

"3. The terms for an excursion through Clear Creek Canon to Georgetown.

"4. A local excursion in carriages around the city of Denver.

"5. A reception and banquet.

"6. The place of meeting.

"7. The funds.

"1st. We find it impossible to obtain fixed rates at this time. The relations existing between the several railroad lines across the plains are so uncertain that none can now say what they will do for us a year hence. But we have been assured of a liberal rate if the pooling arrangement continues, and should it not, then very low rates can be obtained. On the approach of the General Grand Convocation the exact figures can be obtained and promulgated.

"2d. The leading hotels have promised us a three-dollar rate, though the accommodations will depend upon the state of travel at the time. A lower rate will be obtained from other reputable hotels. As is well known to you all, the General Grand Chapter will convene in the midst of the tourist season, and when the hotels are enjoying their greatest patronage. Yet the proprietors have met us very fairly and will co-operate with us to take good care of all who attend. We shall be able to make definite arrangements later, when we can ascertain about how many will come, and what the general prospects of the season are.

"3d. We have made no binding arrangement for a train to the mountains, but have such assurances that we feel justified in reporting that the liberality of the Union Pacific Company will furnish the fraternity with a complimentary train.

"4th. We can take the companions to a ride about the city of Denver at an expense of about \$2.00 to \$3.00 per carriage, each carriage to contain three members of the General Grand Chapter, and one companion from this jurisdiction as escort, the ride to take in all the leading points of interest in the city.

"5th. None of the hotels can spread a banquet for over 200 guests, and then only by crowding. At this period it is impossible to say if that will accommodate all, but it is not likely that it will. In that case it will be necessary to have the reception and banquet at some public hall. The expense of the banquet will depend entirely upon the variety.

"6th. The erection of a Masonic Temple in Denver by that time is uncertain. In this hall we can accommodate, by using the floor space, with an aisle through the center, and with some crowding, about 200. Should this prove inadequate, we can secure a public hall, and, if desired, we think we can obtain the Grand Opera House during the day time.

"7th. The cost of the entertainment of our guests will of course depend upon the number present. The records show that at the last General Convocation there were

145 present at the opening. On that basis, so much has been offered us free, we think \$1,200 will cover the cost. A portion, if not all of this, can be raised by subscription among the fraternity, and we recommend that a paper be circulated at this session of the Grand Chapter.

"Finally, the committee are of opinion that the greater part of our courtesies must be extended previous to the opening of the General Grand Convocation. That body convenes on Monday. One week later the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar assembles at San Francisco, and it is presumed that a large portion of the members of the General Grand Chapter will wish to attend the latter. Contrary to the opinions of many of our eastern companions, there will be plenty of time to transact their business here, and then to reach San Francisco; but there will be more or less anxiety to depart immediately on the close of the General Grand Chapter. We therefore think that the excursion into the mountains, which will consume one day, should take place on Saturday preceding the convocation, and the reception and banquet on the evening of their return. Time for the ride about the city can be taken during one of the days of the session. The committee having the arrangements in charge must communicate with all the members, and ask them to come a day or two earlier than the opening of the convocation.

"R. W. WOODBURY,
"Chairman."

The committee was increased to fifteen, with full power to act, and the Grand High Priest was authorized to cause warrants to be drawn for such sums and at such times as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred.

South Pueblo Chapter, U. D., was granted a charter and numbered twelve on the registry, and was given concurrent jurisdiction with *Pueblo Chapter*, No. 3.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That Article 3 of the Constitution be amended by the insertion of another Section, following Sec. 1, and before the present Sec. 2, as follows:

"Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to preside at the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and to discharge all the executive powers of the Grand Chapter in the intervals between them. He shall also have power to appoint Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other recognized Grand Chapters, and to receive and accredit Representatives of other recognized Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter."

"COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE."

The Committee on Jurisprudence were instructed to report, at the next Annual Convocation, amendments to the Constitution, "specifying in full the particular powers that may be exercised by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, or by either of them, in this jurisdiction."

Comp. EDWARD H. COLLINS, condenses in forty-seven pages, an excellent Report on Correspondence; reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, including California for 1881. He compliments Comp. ORME upon his Address, and says, it "is well worthy the perusal of all Royal Arch Masons." He takes issue with us upon the theory that a Grand Officer may, under certain circumstances, resign his position, but does not attempt to refute our arguments farther than to say, that "the rule is firmly fixed, in most jurisdictions, as part of the Masonic law." We find, nevertheless, that many of our brother reporters endorse our views upon this question. Comp. COLLINS is a new accession to the reportorial corps, and we extend to him a hearty welcome to the hospitalities of the *M. A. S.*

This jurisdiction has twelve subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 654.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the ninth day of May, 1882; but where, "deponent saith not." We are told that the Grand Body assembled in the "Cheney building," and we presume the Grand Secretary considered the reputation of that edifice so well established that all the world would know in what city its stately domes and lofty pinnacles were reared. It matters little, however, which city had the honor of entertaining this distinguished and venerable octogenarian Grand Body; the Annual Convocation was held, and the record is before us. The *M. E.* CHARLES W. SKIFF, Grand High Priest, presided.

the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, being Grand Secretary. Thirty-six of the thirty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined to local affairs, yet there are portions of it which are interesting to the general reader.

There are borne upon the registry three subordinate Chapters, under the common designation of *Washington*; numbered respectively, 6, 24 and 30. No. 6 had been working under a charter granted by one *Washington Chapter*, in the State of New York, and dated 1795. This charter bore no ratification, confirmation, or endorsement of any kind, and thus, for a period of eighty-seven years, this Chapter has been in existence, during eighty-four of which it has really been working without legal authority; for when the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was organized, its subordinates could legally hold their charters from no other source. In 1864, this matter was made the subject of investigation, and the Committee on Charters, to whom it was referred, submitted the following report:—

“After giving the names of the Chapters represented at the formation of the Grand Chapter, May 17th 1796, consisting of *Hiram*, No. 1, *Franklin*, No. 2, *Solomon*, No. 3, *Franklin*, No. 4, *Vanden Broek*, No. 5, and *Middletown*, No. 6, the committee say: ‘At the organization of this Grand Chapter noticed above, the High Priest of *Washington Chapter*, No. 6, was elected Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. Your committee cannot conceive of the necessity or propriety at this late day, (sixty-eight years having elapsed since the organization of this Grand Chapter), of requiring *Washington Chapter*, No. 6, to petition for a new charter or for a ratification of that under which they have for so long a period lived and flourished. Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.’”

Strange to say, this report was adopted; and the Chapter was allowed to work on for eighteen years longer without legal authority, until, at the last Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest was requested to investigate its condition. Upon examining the record, he found that in 1878 there had been held but two Convocations; in 1879, only one, and in 1880, none at all. For several years there had been a balance in the treasury of \$1.25, and no outstanding bills. He directed them to continue to work under their old charter, and to renew their zeal, and to take good care to be represented at the next Annual Convocation. Which advice they acted upon, and their case was referred to the Committee on Charters, who reported as follows:—

“Resolved, That this Grand Chapter issue to said Chapter, a new charter bearing the same name and number as its present one, free of charge, and that the Chapter be permitted to retain its old charter among its archives.”

Which resolution was adopted. We think the better plan would have been for the Grand Chapter to have declared by edict, all previous acts of the Chapter valid, and endorsed that edict, together with a confirmation upon the old charter, instead of issuing a new one. The charter of one Chapter was arrested for running hopelessly in debt, and making no provision for payment; and one surrendered its charter, having died from inanition. From the reports of the District officers, we infer that the remainder of the subordinate Chapters are mainly active and prosperous.

The Grand Secretary reports a balance on hand of \$23.11. A petition of certain companions for a new Chapter at Guilford, was denied.

In his Address the Grand High Priest recommended that the commissions of all Representatives near other Grand Chapters, terminate with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Upon this subject the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, be required to report annually to the M. E. Grand High Priest, their doings as such Representatives, and a failure to perform this duty on the part of any such Representatives for three consecutive years, shall be considered a vacation of the office, and the commission of such Representative shall thereupon terminate, and notice of such termination shall be given to the Grand Chapter to which he is accredited.”

The whole Representative Corps should rise up in arms against the above resolution. The idea of a Grand Representative being called upon to perform any useful

A *per capita* tax of thirty cents was levied upon the subordinate Chapters, to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, Past Grand High Priest, is an interesting *resumé* of the transactions of thirty-seven Grand Chapters. Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia failed to come to time, and Michigan and New Hampshire arrived only in time for a partial review. Why cannot Grand Secretaries be prompt in transmitting their proceedings? In this connection we desire to bestow our meed of praise upon Comp. WHEELER of Connecticut, who, in fifteen days after the close of the Annual Convocation, had his proceedings printed and ready for distribution. Such diligence and promptitude are worthy of commendation. In his review of California for 1881, Comp. BARLOW, in commenting upon the address of M. E. Comp. TINNIN, says:—

"We strenuously oppose the mileage and *per diem* system, as in many jurisdictions it is a burden that consumes almost the entire resources of the Grand Chapter—but a large and flourishing jurisdiction like California can bear such a burden, and, perhaps, do but little harm."

We agree with Comp. BARLOW, that, in small and weak jurisdictions, the system of mileage and *per diem* is a pernicious one; but, in "large and flourishing jurisdictions," where the state of the treasury warrants the expenditure, we believe that an equivalent is gained in a fuller representation, and more careful and judicious legislation. He copies in full our arguments, and those of Comp. DADMUN of Massachusetts, upon the much talked of "Pennsylvania resolutions," and comments as follows:—

"While we admit the force of Companion CASWELL's reasoning, and heartily endorse his remarks concerning Masonic drones, we must agree with Companion DADMUN that the status of companions should be determined by the jurisdiction to which he belongs, rather than the one to which he may temporarily sojourn. We, however, believe that if the so-called punishment of striking from the roll were abolished, and companions disciplined for non-payment of dues, the same as any other offense, it would result in benefit to the Craft—at least, much apparent confusion would be avoided. (This, we know, is contrary to the practice of our Grand Chapter, and the writer alone is responsible for the opinion.)"

To this we have only to say, that we do not believe Massachusetts, Connecticut, or any other State, has the right to enact laws for the government of Masons in California. Our Grand Lodge has declared that none but Masons in good standing shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and any brother who has been "*stricken from the roll*" for non-payment of dues, or "*suspended from membership*" for like cause, is not a Mason in good standing even in his own jurisdiction. He has been deprived of a part of his Masonic rights, and that deprivation is inflicted as a penalty. Why, we ask, was this penalty inflicted? If the brother had done no wrong, surely he deserved no punishment. The infliction of a penalty implies a wrong committed; an infraction of the law; and he who is placed under the ban, cannot be deemed, by any stretch of clemency, a Mason in good standing. Were we to subscribe to the doctrine of Comps. BARLOW, DADMUN, *et al.*, we might be subjected to some curious and annoying complications; for instance:—two companions apply for admittance to our Chapters; one from Massachusetts, who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues; the other from Pennsylvania, who has been suspended for the same cause; we must say to the Pennsylvanian, go forth! You are unworthy to associate with Masons; while to the man from Massachusetts, we must extend the right hand of fellowship, and welcome him to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. Is there any justice or consistency in this?

Again these two companions apply for Masonic aid. To one we must say, go! starve if you will; you have no claims upon us; the other we must take by the hand and feed him upon the fat of the land. Both stand, virtually, upon the same Masonic plane; the offense of one is no more heinous than that of the other; yet one must be hospitably welcomed, while, if the other asks for bread, we must give him a stone. There is a stern old doctrine called the doctrine of common sense, by which California Masons claim to be governed; and this doctrine teaches us that if a Mason is not

good enough to remain in full fellowship with the brethren of Maine or Massachusetts, he is not good enough to be received on an equality with the Masons of California. Massachusetts may enact such laws, as to her, may seem best for, the government of her own jurisdiction, but we deny her right to legislate for California, or to insist that her Masonic vagrants shall be received by us upon the level of equality. Comp. BARLOW, it appears, is more than half converted to our views, as appears from the foregoing extract; and in his conclusion he further says:—

“ Among the disputed points noticed, we especially commend to the thoughtful consideration of the companions of Connecticut, the subject of discipline for non-payment of dues, which has largely engaged the attention of the companions of many of the jurisdictions reviewed, a careful study of which has led the writer to the conclusion that the system of striking from the roll, suspension, or deprivation from membership only, as practised by Connecticut, Massachusetts, and a few other jurisdictions, is only increasing the present army of worthless non-affiliates, which are neither useful nor ornamental to the Royal Craft. This, we think, like any other violation of Masonic law, should be a subject of calm, patient and charitable investigation, and when punishment becomes necessary, let it be such as is recognized for other offenses, as the Lodge or Chapter shall determine.”

“ Worthless non-affiliates ” is an apt designation for the class alluded to, we admit; but we think Masonic vagrants the better term; if they would only remain “ worthless non-affiliates,” and make no claim to Masonic connections, it would be well; but they are of the class who meet you upon the street, or invade your office, with shirt-front decorated with a square and compass large enough for the working tools of a carpenter; having casually met you in Lodge or Chapter, or heard of you as a Mason, he seizes your hand with a strong grip, introduces himself—your Masonic vagrant is not at all diffident in his approaches—and finally requests the loan of a few dollars until his remittances arrive; and, not unfrequently, by the sheer sublimity of his unparalleled impudence, you are paralyzed into complying with his request, in which case, you immediately enter the amount to the account of profit and loss; principally loss. These are the kind of cattle which the law of suspension from membership, and striking from the roll, turns loose in the Masonic pasture, and which our law is calculated to impound without loss of time.

Under the head of Nebraska, Comp. BARLOW says:—

“ Comp. WARREN earnestly contends that the punishment inflicted for non-payment of dues by suspending from membership, as practiced by Maine and Massachusetts, (and we presume striking from the roll as practiced by Connecticut and a few other jurisdictions, is included), is an innovation of ancient Masonry. We are free to confess that a careful reading of the arguments presented has weakened our zeal as an advocate of the practice. We believe that dues are necessary, and the brother or companion who refuses or neglects to pay them, if able, fails to comply with his duties and obligations.”

We believe that a “ careful reading of the arguments ” “ will weaken the zeal ” of any advocate of the practice of striking from the roll or suspension from membership, who is not an EPHRAIM—“ wedded to his idols.”

Comp. BARLOW has a kind word with reference to our report, for which he has our thanks. He thinks the “ merger ” question will hang itself if given plenty of rope; but we think it has already reached the end of its tether.

This Grand Chapter has upon its registry thirty-eight subordinates, having an aggregate membership of 3,924. Last year 4,112 were reported, showing a loss during the year of 188 members.

We notice that no interchange of representatives has been made between the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and California, although our adjoining sister, Nevada, is represented. This should be remedied, and a representative appointed near the Grand Chapter of California, to look after the interests of the companions from Connecticut who will doubtless visit us in August next.

The M^r. E^r. JAMES H. WELSH was elected Grand High Priest, and the R^r. E^r. JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Wilmington on the eighteenth day of January, 1882,—the R.⁺ E.⁺ WILLIAM G. W. LEWIS, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R.⁺ E.⁺ HENRY B. MCINTYRE being Grand Secretary. Five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, M.⁺ E.⁺ Comp. JOHN W. LAWSON, was not present, business engagements in another city preventing his attendance. His Address was read, presumably by the Grand Secretary, and is of the brief, briefest. He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest ALLEN VOORHIES LESLEY, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory. The only official act announced is the issuance of a commission to a representative near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, yet the special committee to whom the address was referred, in a grim spirit of satire, submitted the following resolution :—

“Resolved, That the official acts of the M.⁺ E.⁺ Grand High Priest be and are hereby approved.”

Although there are but six Chapters in the jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest complains of a lack of uniformity in the work, and expresses the hope that the day will soon come “when every Chapter will work upon the same standard, and having this standard, live up to it; and not let a little prejudice ruin what might be made a thing of beauty, symmetrical in all its parts.” From this we infer that Delaware has no standard work, but that each Chapter has its own ritual and contributes its share to the general confusion. This, for so small a jurisdiction, seems inexcusable; and we trust our companions of Delaware will at once adopt the ritual prescribed by the Grand Chapter and abide by it.

He denounces the means employed by some over zealous companions to increase the membership of their own particular Chapters, by decrying the merits of others; and this practice, he truly says, is neither in accordance with “good taste, good order, or decency.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$13.88, and the Grand Secretary, in his report, expresses the hope that, “as there has been a gratifying increase in the revenue of the Grand Chapter at this Convocation,” the proper officers will be enabled to properly furnish a room for his use.

The following resolution was adopted, unwisely in our opinion:—

“Resolved, That in all future publications of the journal of proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the appended list containing names of companions who have been suspended during the year, be omitted from the returns of subordinate Chapters.”

We do not know what was the object sought to be accomplished by the adoption of this resolution, but we do know that the publication of such information is an efficient check upon frauds, and, with the records of dimitts and deaths, furnishes a complete clue to the identification of every Royal Arch Mason from the time he enters the Chapter until he leaves it.

The proceedings proper, including those of a Special Convocation for the installation of appointed officers, occupy just nineteen pages of the annual; and we turn to the Report on Correspondence by Comp. W. G. W. LEWIS, as we would turn from a barren waste to a well cultivated garden. Comp. LEWIS has succeeded in condensing within the limits of fifty-three pages an interesting and well prepared report, in which are reviewed briefly but intelligently the proceedings of forty-four Grand Chapters, several of them for two years. California for 1881 receives courteous and fraternal notice. In commenting upon the address of M.⁺ E.⁺ Comp. TINNIN, he says:—

“Companion TINNIN advocates the payment of the expenses of delegates to the Grand Chapter. This is no doubt correct; but we think it is a payment that should devolve upon the subordinate Chapters. He says, ‘one of the results of better pay would be a larger attendance, and a fuller expression on our legislative wants. We could then insist on continuous attendance during our sessions.’ This is, no doubt, true in other jurisdictions. Still, we think, the burden is rather a heavy one on the general treasury, where the distances are great and the fares heavy. If the sessions

are always held in the same place, then the favored Chapters should aid in the payment. But if the place of meeting is changeable, each body will have its favor in due course, and the Grand Treasury will be better relieved of a severe requisition."

Comp. Lewis apparently overlooks the fact that the revenue of the Grand Chapter, from which these sums are expended, is derived from the subordinate Chapters; and, that the amount necessary for the payment of delegates, forms an important factor in fixing the rate of taxation. In a large jurisdiction like that of California, where many of the delegates must traverse hundreds of miles to reach the Central Body, the more remote Chapters, being naturally the weakest, would find it an intolerable burden to be obliged to pay the expenses of a delegate annually to the Grand Chapter; in fact, in several instances, such expenses would amount to much more than their annual dues to that Body, and the result would be that no delegate would be sent. The idea is to encourage a full representation; and that can be accomplished only by paying the expenses of the delegates. This gives the weaker and more remote Chapters an opportunity to send a delegate without impoverishing their treasury, and the contributions of the stronger Chapters, whose proximity to the place of meeting renders their traveling expenses little or nothing, serve to equalize the burden.

Of our report for that year, he says:—

"Companion CASWELL presented the Report on Correspondence, a closely printed document of 125 pages. It is a thoroughly interesting paper, and extensively critical. From the very first review, that of Arkansas, we learn that 'we trust that these beautiful degrees, (Cryptic), will at once, (since the formation of the General Grand Council), be delegated to the bodies to which they properly belong, and that a new and vigorous life will be infused into the institution.' We shall see.

"Also, 'Cheap Masonry is likely to prove a very poor article, and to fade sadly in the washing.' Just so, and yet almost every jurisdiction is cursed with attempts to persuade us to resort to the many expedients that would seem to promise a temporary success. The great tendency in these extraneous measures is to lead us to forget that fundamental principle of charity, without which Masonry has lost its greatest charm, as well as its real vitality."

Relative to our method of dealing with those who, being able, neglect or refuse to pay their dues, he says:—

"The present writer thinks that however *admirably* this plan may work, it is rather summary. The fable once said: 'It is all very nice for the boys, but it is terribly hard on the frogs.' So it may relieve a Chapter of some *dead wood*; but are you *always* sure that it is *dead*? And yet we have always thought that there should be some plan devised, and carried out uniformly, that would relieve our Chapters of the necessity of carrying, year after year, the burden of those who have 'a name to live and are dead.'"

The fable of the boys and the frogs is not apropos in this case; the frogs were innocent, harmless creatures, and the boys cruel and thoughtless. We are pelting toads, Comp. Lewis; Masonic toads, not one of whom "bears a precious jewel in his head," but all have a sufficiency of precious metal in their pockets to discharge their bounden obligations were they not lost to every sentiment of decency and honor. We take every precaution to ascertain that the "wood is dead" before we hew it off; and if, perchance, there should a lingering vitality appear, one application of golden salve heals the wound and makes all well again.

The M. E. THOMAS DAVIDSON was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. HENRY B. MCINTYRE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The usual Special and Semi-Annual Conventions of this Grand Chapter were held at the usual time, but no business of general interest was transacted thereat. The Annual Convocation was held in the city of Washington on the thirteenth day of December, 1882,—the M. E. JAMES P. PEARSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. LEWIS G. STEPHENS being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented. The Address of the Grand High Priest is a plain, straightforward,

practical paper, with no nonsense about it. He announces the death of the venerable Past Grand Treasurer, Comp. CHAUNCEY SMITH, at the ripe age of four score years. He had been a faithful servant to the Government since 1857, during most of which time he was employed in the Post Office Department, and "enjoyed the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was associated until his death." Fraternal tributes of respect are also paid to the memory of several other distinguished companions who have finished their life work, at home and abroad.

The Grand High Priest, having faithfully performed the important duty of visiting all the subordinate Chapters in his jurisdiction, expresses his gratification at the general good condition of the Craft, and praises the officers for their successful management of the affairs of their respective Chapters. The following recommendation is suggestive:—

"The system which has been adopted by some of the Blue Lodges, and is growing in favor among them, of either remitting the dues or suspending for non-payment, thus closing the indebtedness of its members and showing a clean balance sheet at the end of the year, is worthy of your consideration."

No formal questions had been presented to him, and consequently no decisions are reported. He recommends the establishment of a rule whereby no companion shall act as Representative for more than one Grand Chapter at the same time. Right; let the the honors go round. He reports "all quiet on the Potomac," during his term of office, and that his duties have been entirely of a pleasant and agreeable nature. The Committee on Grievances found nothing upon which to exercise their legal acumen, and all, like "Swimley's boarders," seem happy and content.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion NOBLE D. LARNER, and, like all the products of his pen, is an intellectual treat. He reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales; and *this* time California is not "left out in the cold." Our proceedings for 1882 are pleasantly reviewed, albeit he severely castigates us for our proceedings in the "Tunis" case. He hopes we will replace the severed Masonic head of the defunct, and then proceed to decapitate him in a legitimate way. We fear by that time he would be like the old woman's eels, who got so accustomed to being skinned that they didn't mind it. We refer our companion to our notice of Maine for explanation. He quotes liberally from the Address of M. E. Comp. ORME, which he pronounces interesting and instructive. In response to our complaint of being ignored by him last year, he says:—

"We are not prepared to say where the fault lies, whether with the post office or 'nearer home,' but will say, that as time is too precious for us to be 'shooting postals' after missing reports, we content ourselves by applying to our Grand Secretary, he being the one whose duty it is to look after them. *We don't belong to the paid corps.* We have not forgotten that we are your Representative, although we are *new* in the harness, and you may rest assured that should the occasion ever occur for so doing, your Representative will be found making the *fur fly* in your behalf. Adieu, until we meet you in 'Frisco, in 1883."

We hope nothing will happen to prevent our meeting in August next, when we promise to make something more than "fur fly" in honor of the occasion.

Under the head of Colorado, we find the following, which we fully endorse:—

"Now, with all due respect for the opinion of Comp. W. on this point, we are content to hold on to our position on that question, not being willing to unite with him in his idea that because a High Priest had made a mistake in an appointment he must let the interests of the Chapter suffer by the retention of an unfit or neglectful officer simply because it might do an injustice to an unfit companion. We think it much better that one companion should suffer rather than the whole work of a Chapter should be disarranged, and it brought into disrepute by the retention of such an officer."

Such is our rule in California, and it works well.

In his review of Kentucky, he says of the report of Comp. BASSETT:—

"Under the head of California he says that he agrees with the views expressed

time to object to the reception of a petition is when it is announced, not after it is read.' So do we, and we have never said otherwise.

"Comp. BASSETT insists, and we think he is correct, that the non-payment of dues is a Masonic offense, and should be punished as such."

To show the soundness of Comp. LARNER's views on the question of non-payment of dues, we clip the following from his review of Louisiana. In reply to the extract from Comp. HORNER's report, already noticed by us in its appropriate place, he says:—

"In reply to the position here assumed by Comp. HORNER, we wish to say, that in our opinion it 'should be considered as unnatural' in a companion thus placed not to state his condition and make known to the Chapter his inability to pay his dues. Foolish pride governs too many of our companions in this matter. A Chapter should be considered the same as a household, composed of many children, none of whom should consider themselves 'too lofty in spirit' to act as a child would under similar circumstances, and say, 'Father, my means will not permit me to do what you have prescribed that I shall do, therefore I ask to be relieved.' Companions 'so constituted or so governed by their feelings or their pride' as to be unwilling to ask their Masonic parent to be relieved from the performance of an act prescribed, which to him, in his adverse circumstances, would be a burden, should be punished if he did not 'say so.' Let them understand that they are not before the uncharitable and cold world, but that they are within their 'Masonic Home,' where they are free to unburden themselves and make their true condition known without the fear of having their pecuniary condition made the subject of gossip."

He also corroborates our views upon another subject, upon which Comp. HORNER took issue with us, but as our position has been endorsed by several other of our brother reporters, we think Comp. HORNER will have to "come down:—

"Under the same head he says: 'That when a petition comes into the hands of the Secretary it is already in the possession of the Chapter, and must be read, and cannot be objected to.' This, to our minds, is a queer position that Comp. HORNER and two or three other Companions of the Corps take on this question. The doctrine that when a petition is placed in the hands of the Secretary, the Chapter has no control over it, but must have it read, seems strange and unreasonable. If an objection is made to its reception by a companion, is it not clearly an intimation from him that the applicant cannot be received into that Chapter? and therefore, as it seems to us, it would be a useless waste of time to receive the petition. A companion might have good and sufficient reasons for not letting the applicant become a member of his Chapter, where he would be constantly brought into contact with him in the Chapter, but not deem them sufficient to justify him in preventing his reception by another Chapter, and therefore, not wishing to place the applicant in a position of a rejected one, he contents himself with simply *objecting* to the application being made to his Chapter. This, we contend, he has a right to do.

"Under the head of Maine we were astonished to find that Comp. HORNER holds that a Grand Chapter has not the right to determine what penalty shall be inflicted upon a companion for failing to pay his dues; that such failure, not being a Masonic offense, the Grand Chapter has nothing to do with that matter. Who has the right to determine what is a Masonic offense? Does not the power exist in the Grand Chapter? Has not the Grand Chapter the right to say what constitutes a violation of the O. B.? If the By-Laws of a Chapter provides for the payment of dues by its members, then it becomes a portion of the O. B. each member takes upon himself when he enters the Chapter, and, as a consequence, his failure to perform this part of his O. B. is just as much a Masonic offense as the violation of any other portion of it would be, and it is within the power of the Grand Chapter to determine what penalty shall be inflicted for such a violation."

In his "conclusion," Comp. LARNER says:—

"The question as to the status of a companion who has been suspended from his Lodge for the non-payment of dues, or for any other cause, has received the attention of most of the writers of reports and Grand High Priests in their Addresses, and we are pleased to be able to record the fact that a very large portion of them hold to the doctrine that if a companion is suspended from his Lodge, *no matter for what cause*, he thereby becomes a Mason *not in good standing*, and should be, by the act of his Lodge, suspended from his Chapter. We have always held this to be the correct doctrine, and believe it not only proper for, but the duty of, the Chapters to act in this matter towards the Lodge as the General Grand Encampment of the United States does towards Lodges and Chapters. It provides, by statute, that when a Templar has been suspended from his Lodge or Chapter for *any cause* he immediately becomes suspended from his Commandery. Although we are sorry to be compelled to say that

this statute is not enforced as it should be in our jurisdiction, yet the enactment of the statute by the General Grand Encampment shows that it considers it to be its duty to protect, so far as it may be in its power, the bodies from which it obtains its membership, and we should, by the enactment of a similar statute, endeavor to protect the Lodges of our jurisdiction, from which we obtain our membership. Just here we wish to remark that we hope the present Grand Master of Templars will cause this statute to be strictly enforced, and thereby compel those members of Commanderies who so far forget the duties they owe to their Lodges and Chapters as to allow themselves to be suspended from either for the non-payment of dues or any other cause, to regain their good standing in the body or bodies from which they have been suspended, or cease to be members of the Commandery."

There is much more in this valuable report which we would gladly notice, but the proceedings came to us after our report had been completed and made ready for the printer, and we can no longer delay that functionary in the discharge of his duty.

The eight Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of one thousand one hundred and twenty-one. The *M. E.* JEREMIAH O. ALLEN was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* LEWIS G. STEPHENS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held on the twelfth day of December, 1883.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held its half-yearly Communication at Freemason's Tavern, in the city of London, on the sixth day of December, 1881,—*M. W.* Bro. the Right Honorable Lord HENNIKER, Grand Mark Master Mason, presiding, *V.* *W.* Bro. FREDERICK BINKES, P. G. W., being Grand Secretary. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M., was present, having been elected to that high position at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness was escorted to the Lodge-room by two Provincial Grand Masters, two Past Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, two Grand Deacons, and four Grand Stewards. Having taken his stand in front of the Grand Master's pedestal, the *M. W.* G. M. M. M. addressed him as follows:—

"Sir, it is my pleasing duty as Grand Mark Master Mason to welcome your Royal Highness to this Grand Lodge. Your Royal Highness is aware that you were unanimously elected as Past Grand Master at the meeting in May last. The enthusiasm displayed on your acceptance of the office, and your cordial reception here to-night, will assure your Royal Highness that I am justified in saying that we welcome you to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons on this occasion most heartily. Sir, it is never absent from our thoughts how much Freemasonry owes to the many illustrious members of the Royal House of England. It would, indeed, be unnecessary for me to go into details on this subject. What I have said is well known to all of us here present. Sufficient it is for me to say now that we know your illustrious brother, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, presides over the Grand Lodge of England, and His Royal Highness, your illustrious brother, the Duke of Connaught, is a Past Grand Warden of England, and that you yourself are a past Grand Warden of England, and that Her Majesty the Queen allows us to call her the Patron of our Order. Sir, we welcome you not only on this account for the many services and the many favors that we have received from the Royal Family, but for yourself and for the many talents and accomplishments which you possess, among them those of gentleness and learning, so well remembered to be possessed by His Royal Highness, your beloved and revered father. We offer you, Sir, the highest compliment that it is in our power to offer, the high position of a Past Grand Master of the Order, and we thank you for accepting it. We have many Lodges under this Grand Lodge. They are increasing in number day by day. There are some 15,000 or 16,000 registered Mark Masters, and in their name I have the honor to speak. Sir, it is a great pleasure for me that your Royal Highness joins this Grand Lodge during my term of office. May I add that I hope it may be in your power now and then to come amongst us, and to aid us in the good government of the Order. I am sure, Sir, that I may promise you as warm and cordial reception as you have had here to-night. I cannot, Sir, refrain from referring to an important incident, which has lately occurred, which may affect your Royal Highness through life. When the proper time comes no doubt a vote of congratulation will be passed to your Royal Highness; but I think the brethren present would blame me if I did not offer you our hearty congratulations on the happy prospects which are placed before you. May you, Sir, enjoy all the happiness which the real

domestic life of this country always receives. Through a long vista of years we wish your Royal Highness this as heartily as we wish you health and prosperity, and as heartily as we wish that your Royal Highness's Royal House may guide the destinies of this great country for generations to come; and as heartily as we welcome your Royal Highness here to-night, and shall ever welcome you when you come amongst us.

"H. R. H., the Duke of Albany, K. G., was then obligated, after which he was placed in the Past Grand Mark Master Mason's chair, and formally saluted, according to ancient custom.

"The Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M., said: Brethren, I beg to assure you of the great pleasure which it has given me to become a Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, and at the same time to assure you that I shall always endeavor to advance the best interests of Mark Masonry. I have been much gratified by the kind reception which you have accorded me this evening, and particularly for the congratulations you have offered on my approaching marriage. I beg particularly to thank Bro. Lord HENRIKKE for the kind terms he has used in speaking of me. As I am leaving here in a few minutes I hope you will excuse me saying more.

"The M. W. G. M. M. M.: Brethren, it is my duty now to propose a vote that I think you will all join in. It may be late to propose the vote, but you will recollect that this is the first Grand Lodge that has been held since the sad event of the death of the late President of the United States. I am in favor of making very short speeches on occasions of this kind, especially when we are in earnest in what we say. I do not think I need say how thoroughly grieved we are at the great loss not only to the United States of America, but I think also to the world in general, by the death of this upright and enlightened ruler of that great country. We recollect his bravery and fortitude in his long and painful illness; we recollect the watching by the sick bed, and we almost felt that we, in this country, were joining in that watching. We recollect, too, the enormous amount of sympathy that was shown in this country, and we recollect that General GARFIELD was a most distinguished Mason; and we remember, too, that this Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has always been in close sympathy with the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States. The feeling that was shown, I think, in this country was not one that we can look upon alone as respect for the great man who was taken away, but it reminds us that the people of America and ourselves are come from one common stock. We must not forget this, nor must we forget the enthusiasm in America for Her Majesty, the Queen, for her sympathy with that country and with Mrs. GARFIELD in the sad trial that had come upon them. We in this country know that we may expect that sympathy from Her Majesty at such times of trial. It is well known, too, in the United States; and such sympathy, you may depend upon it, is not easily forgotten, and I believe it must tend to cement that friendship which always exists between England and America. Her Majesty has set us an example which we can only humbly follow; but still I ask you, by passing this vote of condolence with Mrs. GARFIELD, to add one more word of sympathy to the many that have been spoken from this country already. I think you will trust me to see the resolution, if it is passed, sent in proper terms; and I will merely move now, 'That a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. GARFIELD in the great loss that she and the great country of America has sustained.'

"The Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M.: Brethren, I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposition of your Grand Master."

The motion was carried unanimously.

We have made these somewhat lengthy extracts because we believe they will be read with interest by every American Mason. When the President of the United States was stricken down by the hand of an assassin, and our whole country was shaken with the agony of hope and fear as his life hung trembling in the balance, the noble hearted Queen of England was first among the sovereigns of the world to send, on the wings of the lightning, messages of sympathy and condolence; and, when the last sad act of the bloody drama was ended, and the dead President lay in his coffin, by her orders it was decorated with a wreath of loveliest flowers. And now comes to us this resolution of our brother Mark Masters, breathing the true spirit of brotherly love and fraternity. Brothers of England, think you that Americans can forget fraternal acts like these? No! a thousand times no! and there beats not a true American heart to-day but will echo the sentiment: God bless England and her gracious Queen, and may she long be spared to rule over a united, happy, and prosperous people.

From the report of the "General Board," we learn that the number of certificates issued during the six months ending September 30, 1931, was 450, the total trans-

tered advancements" being 15,398. During the same period thirteen warrants for new Lodges were granted.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was called on the twenty-first day of March, 1832, for the purpose of passing a vote of congratulation to the Queen, upon her fortunate escape from the bullet of the assassin who lately made an attempt to take her life. The speeches made upon the occasion were intensely loyal, and Her Majesty will doubtless be greatly pleased at such expressions of true sympathy and affection from so distinguished a body of her subjects. A vote of congratulation was also tendered His Royal Highness Prince LEOPOLD, Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M., on his approaching marriage; and, it being the intention of the Mark Masters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to make him a suitable present on his wedding day, the sum of twenty-five pounds was voted from the treasury as a contribution to the fund accumulating for that purpose.

The second Half-Yearly Communication was held at the same place on the sixth day of June, 1832,—the M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord HENNIKER, G. M. M. M., presiding. Letters were received from the Queen and the Duke of Albany, acknowledging the receipt of the addresses of congratulation voted at the Special Communication. The report of the "General Board" shows the number of certificates issued in the six months ending March 31, 1832, to be larger than ever before issued in a similar period, being 741, and the total registered advancements were 16,139; also 157 certificates in the degree of "Royal Ark Mariner," and three warrants for new Royal Ark Lodges.

The Grand Lodge has invested to the credit of the several funds the handsome sum of £1,200 or \$21,000. We congratulate our brethren upon the prosperous condition of Mark Masonry under their jurisdiction, and assure them of our earnest desire for their continued success.

The M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord HENNIKER was re-elected Grand Mark Master Mason, and the V. W. FREDERICK BINKES, P. G. W., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Jacksonville, on the seventeenth day of January, 1832,—the M. E. W. A. McLEAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. W. A. YOUNG being Grand Secretary *pro tempore*.

The following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, sadly accounts for the absence of the Grand Secretary:—

"Resolved, That the acting Grand Secretary be instructed to convey to M. E. Companion D. C. DAWKINS, our Grand Secretary, the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter in his deep distress, and trust that the Grand Master of the Universe may in His infinite goodness restore to health his beloved wife, or sanctify to him the affliction He may see proper to visit him with."

Six subordinate Chapters were represented.

We are sorry to observe that Royal Arch Masonry appears to be suffering from a chronic apathy in this jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, gives vent to the following piteous wail:—

"It has been apparent, even to the casual observer, that for some years past, Capital Masonry has suffered a sad decline in this jurisdiction. My predecessors, some of them at least, did not fail to direct attention to the fact, and endeavor to point to a remedy whereby the evil tendencies of apathy and indifference might be checked, and yet, the fondly hoped for, and greatly desired improvement has not been realized; it would be well for us to go to the root of the matter, ascertain the true cause of this indifference, and then, if possible, apply a remedy sufficiently potent to insure the most favorable results. Many of those whose good fortune it was to be inducted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, though they gave promise of sincere devotion to its sublime principles, and great usefulness in diffusing light and knowledge to the uninformed, have, alas! relapsed into obscurity, and allowed the light that was in them to become darkness. In some localities, where society is adorned by the

neglected, and left to work its way as best it can, until for want of proper encouragement and support, it is forced by adverse circumstances, to surrender its charter, thereby leaving its members without the means of conforming to their Masonic obligations."

How is it, companions of the flowery land? Has individual enterprise become extinct among you? Is there no Moses to lead the sons of the covenant through this Red Sea of apathy and indifference?

Daughter of Flora, awake from thy sadness!
Awake, and grim sloth shall oppress thee no more;
Strong is his arm, but activity's stronger—
Stronger than apathy—mightier far.
Daughter of Flora, awake from thy sadness!
Awake, and thy glory shall crown thee once more.

Yes; a little energy, "a long pull and a strong pull, and a pull altogether," as the sons of Neptune say, will pluck this once flourishing jurisdiction out of the "slough of despond" into which it has fallen, and place it once more upon the firm ground of prosperity and usefulness. Try it, companions; "Never give up the ship!"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$262.00.

The Committee on Memorials close their report with the following beautiful lines, which show that the spirit of poesy, at least, has not died out in Florida:—

OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

They have risen! They have risen!
To the homes of love and light,
Angels crowned the brother's brows
With gems of truth so pure and bright.
Crowned them with the buds that blooming,
Spoke of God, of love and law;
Wreathed them with flowers immortal
That within his gardens grow.

They have risen! Why despair then?
All to that blessed home shall go,
Where the Father in his mercy
Bids us to his fiat bow.
Fear not death, where Angelic brightness
Lights up the passage of the tomb;
Naught of darkening shadows blind thee,
Ne'er is felt that dismal gloom,

That has crushed the hearts of mortals,
Cast them into shadows dark,
Left them doubting the hereafter
Of a world both grim and dark.
They have risen! Could we see
The glory that surrounds them now,
Tears would cease to flow, and never
Would we in our anguish bow.

Bow in sorrow, bow in weeping,
Blinded are our tear-dimmed eyes,
But the spirits from the earthly
Do in all their beauty rise.

There is no Report on Correspondence. The six Chapters borne upon the registry report an aggregate membership of 191; a decrease of five.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

GEORGIA.

The sixtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Macon on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1882,—the *M. E.* CHARLES E. LAMBDIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest exhibits evidences of marked ability, and is replete with good advice and practical suggestions. We extract the following:—

"But companions, there is, besides inattention and indifference, another cause, perhaps equally as detrimental to the interests of Masonry, and perhaps more responsible for the decline of Masonry in Georgia than any others. We have all noticed the dispiriting influence of debt upon individuals; we have seen how greatly it paralyzes the energies and beclouds the hopes of its victims; and the observation and experience of the last decade have shown us that the same is true as to its effects upon corporations. We have seen the Grand Lodge, as well as the Grand Chapter, laboring to keep itself from the maelstrom of financial bankruptcy by adopting various questionable measures. The Grand Chapter issued scrip for several Convocations to pay a part of the mileage and per diem of its members, and finally resorted to an extra assessment upon the subordinate Chapters, impoverishing and crippling them in their resources, and creating among their members a dissatisfaction that has never been wholly relieved. The Grand Lodge has resorted to biennial sessions, that the mileage and per diem of alternate years may be applied to the liquidation of its debt.

"The effect of both these measures has been to the detriment of Masonry within our jurisdiction, dispiriting to its membership, and rendering the 'profane' suspicious of the permanency of the Institution.

"The Grand Chapter, I am glad to know, has repaid the several Chapters the amount of the extra assessment, and by reduced mileage and per diem is laboring to keep expenses within the limit of her resources. Allow me to recommend in this connection, that a further reduction be made, so that each member shall receive no more than his *actual expenses*. This I deem but just to the Grand Chapter and to its members, so that no discrimination shall be made in favor of the more remote against those living nearer, and that 'each may receive his just dues and no more.'

"It may seem to some that the mention of matters relating to the Grand Lodge is out of place, but when we remember the intimate connection existing between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, knowing that the Lodge is the foundation upon which the superstructure of the Chapter must be erected, and that the permanence of the Lodge ensures the permanence of the Chapter, and the disruption of the Lodge renders the disruption of the Chapter inevitable, I trust it will not be considered irrelevant. The questions, then, companions, to which we must address ourselves are, what shall we do for our beloved Institution? how can we best promote its interests? We meet in Annual Convocation not solely to examine into the present status of the several Chapters, but to devise plans, to legislate for its increased efficiency for the future, not simply to view a patient sick, or wounded, it may be, but to administer to his relief and restore him to vigorous usefulness; not to destroy, but to take such action as will result in the rehabilitation of our tottering Chapters. How great the trust that has been confided to our keeping!

"Let us then be fully equal to the responsibility and labor to perpetuate this grand system of 'morals veiled in allegory.' Let us remember that it is not for the past or present that we are to act; that our legislation is not so much for our own profit as for the benefit of posterity. Let us enter upon the work with views so enlarged that they may extend beyond the narrow horizon that shuts in the present, and reach out and grasp the needs of the future as well. It is your peculiar privilege to infuse renewed zeal and enthusiasm into the Order by such wise counsels and acts as you may deem suitable to the situation. Remembering that all external devices are vain, nay, useless, let us address ourselves to the *heart of Masonry*, to the affections of our companions, for it is there alone that Masonry abides in the strength of love and unity."

The report of the Finance Committee shows a balance due the Grand Treasurer of \$33.96, and due the Grand Secretary, balance on salary, \$50.20, making a total of \$104.16. The committee also recommended the revocation of the charters of seven subordinate Chapters, for failure to make returns and for non-payment of dues for a period of two years, but no action upon the recommendation is recorded.

Application was made for the restoration of a forfeited charter, but the committee to whom the application was referred, reported adversely.

There are twenty-six subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of nine hundred and twenty-eight. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected, but there is no record of their installation, and no Report on Correspondence. Wake up, Companions of Georgia, and shake off the lethargy that is sapping the fountains of life among you.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Chicago, on the twenty-sixth day of October, 1882,—the *M. E.* JOHN P. NORVELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD being Grand Secretary. One hundred and fifty-five subordinate Chapters were represented. All the Grand Officers were present; nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Representatives from other Grand Chapters were also in attendance. Among the latter we notice the name of *M. E.* Comp. SAMUEL SHANNON, Representative from California.

The Address of the Grand High Priest exhibits the fact that Illinois has the right man in the right place. The record of his official acts shows that he has neglected no opportunity to promote the welfare and advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction, and, as he lays down the emblems of authority, his companions may conscientiously say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Upon assuming the duties of his office, he immediately gave his attention to those Chapters which had failed to make returns or pay dues for one or more years, and, as the result of his efforts, several of these moribund bodies were reanimated and restored to health and activity. From the reports he learned that several High Priests who were elected as their own successors, were reported as having been installed by themselves; that is to say, were not installed at all. He directed that this error be corrected at once, which was done. In this we believe the Grand High Priest was perfectly correct. Some of our contemporaries hold that an officer re-elected need not be re-installed, but we have always contended that an installation was necessary in every instance. The officer pledges himself to perform the duties of his station faithfully, to the best of his ability, during the term for which he has been elected; and when that term expires, and his successor is elected, whether that successor be himself or another, his responsibility under his former pledge ceases, and a new pledge should be exacted.

The charters of five Chapters were arrested for non-payment of dues and failure to make returns for two years, and five dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters, thus neutralizing the loss. The High Priest acknowledges that they have too many Chapters, charters having been granted for Chapters in towns which have sprung into existence and "progressed backward" until they have been numbered with the things that were. This is more or less the fact in almost every jurisdiction; especially is it true of California in the mining districts. There, in the flush times of placer mining, towns and cities sprang up like magic; Lodges and Chapters multiplied and flourished for a brief season until the precious metal was extracted from the soil, when the majority of the inhabitants "folded their tents like the Arab and quietly stole away." Experience has taught us that no new Chapter should be formed except in localities where the population is likely to be permanent, and where its jurisdiction will embrace a sufficient number of Lodges to yield a healthy and regular sustenance. A representative of the Grand High Priest, in going to arrest the charter of a delinquent Chapter, found that its location was inaccessible by reason of the mud. Here was a dilemma; his orders were to arrest the charter, but to do so a balloon was necessary, as the Chapter was safely entrenched behind impenetrable seas of mud. The Representative came to the conclusion, after a careful reconnoissance, that that charter wasn't worth arresting. Upon his return a council of war was held, the result of which was, that the Chapter was dragged out of that "slough of despond" and planted upon dry ground, where it soon took root and flourished; and before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, it had exalted fifteen candidates, paid off all its old indebtedness and had \$400.00 in its treasury. Moral: It is always better to pull a man out of the mud, and place his feet upon the firm ground of hope, than to leave him to wallow in the mire until he is suffocated.

The following decisions were rendered :—

"1. Upon payment of the amount of dues owing by a companion at the time of his suspension, and for the non-payment of which he was suspended, (there being no other charges pending against him) it is the duty of the Chapter to reinstate him, either to membership in his Chapter or to good standing in the fraternity.

"2. A High Priest, although elected his own successor, must be installed.

"3. The Council being a separate and distinct body, the Chapter should not be opened before the Council. The degrees of Royal and Select Master can not be conferred within the bosom of the Chapter, but must be conferred in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, held for that purpose, and a record thereof kept separate and apart from the records of the Chapter."

Apròpos of the third decision, the Grand High Priest says :—

"In compliance with a resolution passed at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, I appointed a committee consisting of Companions ROBERT L. MCKINLAY, WILEY M. EGAN, JAMES A. HAWLEY, GIL. W. BARNARD, and JOSEPH B. MANN to confer with a like committee from the Grand Council, as to the disposition of the Council Degrees; the report of this committee will be before you for action. What that report will be I cannot say. Be that as it may, I am satisfied that the Council Degrees cannot prosper in this jurisdiction under the supervision of Chapters, and that the control of them should be surrendered to the Grand Council at once."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this portion of the address was referred, reported as follows :—

"In the matter of the Report of the Special Committee on the Council Degrees, we recommend that the amendments to Sections 1 and 2, Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted in 1878, be repealed, and that these sections, as printed in the proceedings of 1877, be re-adopted by this Grand Chapter."—Adopted.

The record shows that the thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois, was held on the twenty-fifth day of October, 1882, when it was voted, "That it is the sense of this Grand Council, that it is expedient to resume control of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be, and is hereby instructed to memorialize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois upon said subject, and ask them to take such steps as they may find necessary to re-commit the care of, and the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois."

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to the Grand Chapter, and was referred to the Special Committee on Council Degrees, which committee reported as follows :—

"Your committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Grand Council and the matter of the Council Degrees, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same in connection with the committee appointed by the Grand Council. That it is the earnest desire of the Grand Council, to again take charge of said degrees, and in furtherance of that request, and desiring to comply with the same, we would submit the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Body, to-wit :

"That the amendments to Sections 1 and 2, Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted in 1878, be repealed, and that those as printed in the Proceedings of 1877, be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

"The effect of which amendment, when adopted, will be to avoid all reference to the Council Degrees in our Constitution.

"Your committee would further recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

"Resolved, That on and after January 1st, 1833, the Chapters of this jurisdiction cease to confer the Council Degrees, and that the Grand Council be requested to take such action in reference thereto as they may deem proper, and that the Grand High Priest issue his edict to that effect."

This ends the "Merger" question in the State of Illinois.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$11,738.94.

People sometimes live to a good old age in Illinois, as the following will bear witness :—

"Comp. WILLIAM H. JOHNSON announced the severe illness of Comp. HARRY T. WILSON, E. Scribe of Doris Chapter, No. 166. Comp. WILSON is ninety-five years of

age, having been a member of the Royal Craft sixty-six years. He was exalted in St. Albans, Vermont, in 1816."

The following foot note, by the Grand Secretary, requires no explanation:—

"Companion WILSON passed the veils of the Sanctuary above, October 31st."

A resolution offered by Comp. GURNAY, to repeal Section 48 of the By-Laws, forbidding the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, was reported upon adversely by the Committee on Jurisprudence. We acknowledge that full classes are always preferable, but, in small and isolated Chapters, instances frequently arise where a resort to substitutes is almost imperative; and, as the practice has been sanctioned by the highest authority—the General Grand Chapter—we can see no harm in occasionally resorting to this expedient, under proper restrictions. In California, one substitute is allowed; but if two are required, a dispensation must be obtained from the Grand High Priest. In many of the Chapters, if the degree were oftener conferred with *three* substitutes, the result would be beneficial.

As a specimen of consummate stupidity, we note the fact that a Past High Priest of a neighboring Chapter installed the officers of a Chapter under dispensation, for which he received a well deserved metaphorical rap over the knuckles by the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation.

Charters were granted to five Chapters under dispensation, whose aggregate membership is 94. The following resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

"Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be directed to enquire by what authority the esoteric work of Ancient Craft Masonry, or any portion thereof, is used in Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and report thereon at the next Annual Convocation."

This resolution suggests a big ? and we await the report thereon with subdued curiosity.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported as follows:—

"There are in this Grand Jurisdiction 184 Chapters, with a membership of 11,260. Of this number the following are vacant: Nos. 6, 9, 12, 16, 39, 40, 42, 53, 54, 63, 74, 81, 83, 110, 116, 117, 131, 149, 178.

"The following Chapters have made returns but paid no dues: Nos. 19, 61, 113, 128, 153, 179.

"The following Chapters have neither made returns nor paid dues: Nos. 13, 58, 138.

"The following Chapters have done no work: Nos. 70, 76, 87, 97, 100, 122, 124, 128, 135, 137, 150, 153, 162, 168.

"The following Chapters have omitted to place seal on their return: Nos. 14, 23, 28, 31, 55, 76, 113, 135, 159, 179.

"Returns of Chapters Nos. 37 and 59 are not signed by High Priest Nos. 8, 94 and 159 are not signed by Secretary.

"Salem Chapter, No. 165, paid dues, but makes no report, having been burned out and records lost.

"Barrett Chapter, No. 18, uses the seal of a Notary Public.

"Your committee would further recommend that Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction be required to keep an indexed roster of members, properly headed, as in their reports, and much of this difficulty will then be overcome. The roster to be uniform in every respect and to be arranged, ordered and furnished by and through the Grand Secretary, at cost."

We print these items in order that our companions may note the difference in the method of transacting business between California and Illinois. Here, the failure of a Chapter to make its annual returns, accompanied by its dues, is an incident that seldom occurs. The annual returns are made sufficiently in advance of the Annual Convocation for the Grand Secretary to examine and compare them, and, if faulty, to return them for correction. High Priests and Secretaries have sufficient intelligence to understand that their appended autographs are necessary to the validity of the reports, and should a Secretary place upon his returns the "seal of a Notary Public," he would be forthwith committed to the Lunatic Asylum at Stockton. Every Chapter in California is required to keep what we term a roll book; that is, a

book in which the names of all the members are alphabetically entered, showing the date of their reception of the several degrees, age and occupation; or in case of affiliates, the name and number of the Chapter of which they last were members, also the date of affiliation, and in separate columns the date of suspension for non-payment of dues, of suspension for unmasonic conduct, expulsion, dimit or death, as the case may be, with a margin for general remarks. By this means we preserve a complete record of every Royal Arch Mason who is a member of a Chapter in California, and if any information is desired as to his status in the Order, one glance at the roll book supplies it.

Comp. THEODORE T. GURNEY gives us a first-class Report on Correspondence, covering 148 pages of the annual. Thirty-nine Grand Chapters are made to stand the test of this Master Overseer's square, and where the work is not "good work and square work" the defects are pointed out in a kindly and fraternal manner. In his review of California for 1882, he bestows upon us a flattering compliment, which we keenly appreciate. Referring to our proceedings, he says:—

"Aside from being a volume that reflects great credit upon Comp. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, it embraces an excellent address from Most Excellent Companion HENRY SAYRE OSM, Grand High Priest, with other papers that have been read with interest."

From the following, we infer that our distinguished companion does not fully understand the situation:—

"Comp. OSM alludes to the suspension of a number of companions by virtue of the abrogation of a charter. This summary method of disposing of brethren is the law of the Grand Lodge, and to which the Grand Chapter meekly assents; notwithstanding that a number of the companions of the Chapter referred to, had paid dues to date of vacation of its charter. More than this, it is not included in the record that charges were pending against them. Singular *fraternal* law, this."

The charter of Quincy Chapter, No. 32, was revoked in 1873, for the reason that said Chapter had made no returns, paid no dues, and had been unrepresented in the Grand Chapter for several years. We believe it is the general, if not the universal custom, where the charter of a Masonic Body is revoked, to hold all its members, except those especially exempted by the revoking power, as suspended. In this case no exemptions were made, because the Grand Chapter had no data upon which to base such exemptions. The fact that the companions referred to remained under suspension for a period of nine years, without knowing it, is simply due to their ignorance of the law. After their charter had been forfeited, had they applied to the Grand Chapter for relief, and paid the dues standing against them at the period of revocation, or shown that they were paid, the ban of suspension would at once have been removed from them. The singularity of this "*fraternal law*" is not apparent to our dull vision.

In commenting upon our strictures upon the action of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, in endowing the Grand High Priest with power to suspend Royal Arch Masons at will, he says:—

"It has never been our misfortune to entertain the opinion that a Mason can be cut off from his rights except opportunity be given for an investigation. The assumption of such powers is not only entirely unnecessary to a Masonic Body, but is a blinding, blistering reproach upon every principle of *fraternal* government. It is quite true that Grand Bodies may stultify Masonry by hugging the wretched trunk of despotism, but we most emphatically and unreservedly deny that *Freemasonry* is a tyranny."

"Further on, he says to Comp. DRUMMOND: 'It is true that Pennsylvania and California have systems of their own, and these systems have been endorsed by many other jurisdictions. At any rate we do not propose to aid, foster, and encourage a horde of Masonic leeches;' referring, of course, to the practice of Maine in suspending from Lodge membership for non-payment of dues. We have exhausted the space at our disposal upon this subject, and will only add, that when the jurisdictions mentioned learn, if they will, that Masonic charity is a personal duty or obligation: that Lodges, in this regard, are simply the representatives of members, and

governed by the *same law* that is found in every principal degree, in Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, they will find that there never could be 'a Masonic leech' if Ma-*sons* gave heed to the statute. There is not a member of the fraternity in good, equivocal, or without standing, that can insist, as a law of the institution, that he can *command* consideration in the matter of relief. Then why talk of leeches? If there are those among us, they are our own creations, because of our want of knowledge of the fundamental principles of *Masonic charity*. Upon this subject Comp. CASEWELL appears to battle with a phantom. If there is not any law that determines that you *shall* feed a scalawag, in or out of Masonry, why grip your purse with such fearful tenacity. Stir up the subject as much as we will, dollars come to the surface of the controversy. No 'leeches,' no fight. Is this not true?

"On the 'merger' question he is quite conservative. It is gratifying to find him with us dissenting from the unnatural proposition that an installed officer cannot resign."

"No leeches, no fight;" perfectly true, Comp. GURNEY; but so long as Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and others, adhere to the practice of suspending from membership for non-payment of dues, and at the same time claiming for these Ishmaelites Masonic consideration, just so long there will be leeches, and just so long we will fight.

For kind words spoken of us personally, Comp. GURNEY has our hearty thanks.

Under the head of Colorado we find the following:—

"Preparations are being made for the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, in 1883. Our serious mistake, in 1880, was a want of knowledge of the peculiarities of our visitors. Comp. GAZETTE and his committee, so considerate and so well posted on matters relating to such gatherings, failed in not apprehending real wants, and in not instructing hotels in necessities for the occasion. If we were to do the thing over again, we should provide as follows:—

"For the New England delegation, beans, woodchuck and paregoric. Maine, whisky for medical uses. For New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, fried mush and molasses, limberger and apple-jack. For Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Nebraska, 'possum, sour milk, boiled buckeyes, hash and Bourbon—Kentucky and Nebraska, a little more Bourbon. For Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and Iowa, cold badger, roast snails with cranberry sauce, and Waukesha water—for Illinois and Kansas, we would add corn camphene. For the South generally, Mrs. WINSLOW'S Syrup, hog, hominy and dodgers. This latter section furnishes its own fusil oil. For a good stretch of the Pacific Coast, anything at five or nine months."

His allusion to the Pacific Coast is, as Mrs. PARTINGTON would say, a "little ambergris."

There is much more in this valuable report that we would gladly extract and comment upon, but we have already given to Illinois all the space we can afford. Comp. GURNEY is a painstaking and pleasing writer; we cannot agree upon all questions; but fraternal discussion of mooted points carries with it no bitterness, our only desire being to give and acquire light as best we may.

There are in this jurisdiction, 165 active Chapters, having an aggregate membership of 11,963, being a net gain of 853 during the year.

The *M. E.* SAMUEL SHANNON was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Chicago, on the twenty-first day of October, 1883.

INDIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis on the eighteenth day of October, 1882,—the *M. E.* CHARLES H. BUTTERFIELD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL being Grand Secretary. Seventy subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest opens his Address with the following cheering announcement:—

"I greet you, each and all, heartily, and I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which we have met to hold this, our thirty-seventh Annual Convocation.

"The year just past has been one of almost unexampled prosperity to the people of our beloved State. Peace has prevailed throughout her borders, while neither

famine nor pestilence has invaded her borders. The farmer rejoices in barns bursting with plenty and granaries overflowing with golden grain, while everywhere the busy hum of industry in workshop and in factory proclaims the prosperity of the manufacturer and the artisan.

"Within our own Order peace and harmony prevail. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are harmonious and friendly, while the general condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is such as to inspire us with high hopes for the future.

"Meeting under such favorable conditions, let us remember and acknowledge our obligations to that Great Being to whose infinite power and goodness we are indebted for all these blessings."

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters. The following decisions were reported:—

"During the year I have made the following decisions, which, perhaps, are of sufficient importance to receive your attention:—

"The question concerning the status of a companion who is unaffiliated with any Lodge has been submitted to me in two or three shapes. The question in one case was whether a companion in good standing in his Chapter, but unaffiliated as a Master Mason, was eligible for the office of High Priest of his Chapter. I decided that he was.

"Other questions, too numerous to recite here, have been submitted to me, involving the same question in a different shape. The following was my decision, in substance, on all of them:—

"An unaffiliated Master Mason in this jurisdiction can not apply for and receive the Chapter Degrees in any Chapter therein. He must be a member of some Lodge. But an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason, being at the same time an unaffiliated Master Mason, may petition for membership and be elected a member of a Chapter without first affiliating with a Lodge—it being understood, of course, that he must be in good standing as an affiliate in regard both to Chapter and Lodge. In other words, I decided that a companion might be an unaffiliated Master Mason without affecting his standing in the Chapter.

"The following was also submitted for my decision:—

"A companion was expelled from his Lodge for unasonic conduct. He was afterward, on petition, reinstated as an unaffiliated Master Mason. His expulsion was reported to the Chapter of which he was a member, and spread on the minutes. He afterward applied for membership in another Lodge, and was accepted. He then applied to the Chapter for a dimit. I decided that he was not entitled to a dimit. In other words, the scope of my decision was, that the action of the Lodge in expelling the companion expelled him from the Chapter, but that the action of the Lodge, or rather the two Lodges, in reinstating and receiving him as a member, did not reinstate him in the Chapter.

"At an election in a Chapter for the degrees, 'a mistake in passing the ballot occurred,' as the Secretary of the Chapter states it, and I was requested to authorize the ballot to be passed the second time, which I declined to do.

"If a mistake actually occurs on such an occasion sufficient to vitiate the ballot and render it actually no ballot, the High Priest being actually present and cognizant of all the circumstances, might, perhaps, be justified, under the circumstances, in ordering the ballot passed a second time. I could, however, see no grounds upon which a dispensation for that purpose would be authorized."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$4,948 39. The charters of four delinquent Chapters were arrested, they having neglected to make returns or pay dues for more than two years. Two Chapters under dispensation were granted charters.

The Grand Chapter performed a noble act of charity in granting the sum of \$150 to an invalid and indigent Past Grand High Priest. May they be rewarded an hundred fold.

The pay roll of the Grand Chapter amounted to the sum of \$1,243 50.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report that the work adopted by the General Grand Chapter was substantially the same as that used in Indiana, and deemed it unnecessary to make any change.

A companion who had been *expelled* for non-payment of dues, was granted a new trial on the ground of informality. We respectfully call the attention of Comps. DRUMMOND, DERBY and DADMON to this case. Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM HACKER, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, submitted a report relative to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction, which

was concurred in and ordered to be printed with the proceedings. Verily, wonders will never cease.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES, who shows that he is no tyro at the quill; few extracts are made, and it is mainly written in the COTTRILL style. While such reports are interesting to read, they are difficult to review; but we are not going to find fault; the report is an excellent one and will well repay perusal.

The proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters are reviewed, including California for 1882. Of the Address of M. E. Comp. OAKS he says:—

"He takes decided ground against the engrafting of insurance features upon Masonry, and fears modern societies, with this popular feature attached, may influence Masons to suggest some such attachment. We agree with his view, and think, as he does, that we have existed this long without any popular bait hung out to catch additions, and it is now too late to attempt any new patented appliances. Masonry has a traveled path of its own. Let it keep within its well-defined boundaries, and leave to others the exploration of untried ways."

He further says:—

"The committee to which the Address of the Grand High Priest was referred, very justly complimented that officer upon his zeal and enthusiastic devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.

"They also say 'that, as this Grand Chapter is supplied with good work, we hope that our fratres will hesitate long before submitting our ritual to anybody's tinkering, no matter from whence he hail, nor how high-sounding his Masonic title.' We recommend the Virginia committee to visit California for the 'true work.' We knew there was plenty of it to be had. Tinkering with the rituals is a besetting passion with some Masons. Imbued with more light than the lesser-informed brethren, they insist on letting it shine through their own special improvement (patent applied for) to the rituals. They are iconoclastic cranks, having no respect for landmarks, usages or hoary-headed customs. Masonry has tolerated too many such."

From his notice of our report we clip the following:—

"Companion CASWELL is a strenuous advocate for the California method of dealing with members of Chapters who do not pay their dues. He makes a good showing for his cause, and gets back at the Maine reviewer in a way that he must despise. After all, it is only a question of methods, and one method we believe is to keep the Secretary waked up to the collection of dues promptly."

Very true, companion; it is but a question of methods; but by our method the Secretary is not permitted to sleep on his post; the law requires him to notify every companion who is six months in arrears of the amount of his indebtedness, with an admonition that, if his dues are not paid at the next stated meeting, or some sufficient cause given why they are not paid, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order. Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, simply deprive them of membership, and turn them loose to swell the Grand Army of non-affiliates. Which method is best?

Under the head of Connecticut we find the following:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, near other Grand Chapters, be required to make an annual report to the Grand High Priest of their doings as such Representatives, and a failure to do so for three successive years, shall forfeit their commissions. The Connecticut Representatives have something to do now instead of reposing on beds of downy ease. They must gird on their armor and write ministerial dispatches to the home government. We shall look with great interest for the proceedings of 1893. No doubt it will resemble the Government blue books. We wonder if the doings of said Representatives, when reported, will resemble the celebrated march of the celebrated French king with his celebrated army up the celebrated hill."

Comp. CHARLES is no advocate for the "merger" process, and believes, with California, Maine, and Massachusetts, that "Every Council Mason is irregularly made who receives the degrees in Councils appendant to the Chapter, and every Mason is culpable who aids or countenances the work."

We would gladly make a more extended notice of this interesting report, had we time and space at our disposal.

From the returns of eighty-three chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, we find an aggregate membership of 4,551, and the estimated membership of seven Chapters that have made no returns would swell the number to 4,755.

The *M. E.* ALBERT P. CHARLES was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Indianapolis on the seventeenth day of October, 1883.

IOWA.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Cedar Rapids on the twelfth day of September, 1882,—the *M. E.* AUGUSTUS C. SHERWOOD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE being Grand Secretary. Seventy-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a good Address, which, however, is principally confined to local affairs. From it we extract the following:—

“Let us watch with zealous care that our duties are faithfully and carefully performed, so that when we return home we may receive the liberal endorsement of our fellow-workers—the reward due to upright conduct, honest effort, and good management. We do not believe that we can elevate or improve Masonry, but we can and should earnestly endeavor to maintain its excellence by preserving the rules and landmarks received from our predecessors, and by handing them down unchanged to our successors.

“Masonry has but two great enemies to fear and guard against—firstly, in the Grand Body, too much and too hasty legislation; and secondly, and greater than all, in the subordinates, the admission of poor material. Naturally, a large quantity of it may be expected to present itself. Only by careful inspection and prompt and stern rejection can we escape the evil. As an assistance to this, the wise selection of committees of investigation by the presiding officer can do much, but every companion should feel that the purity and success of Masonry rests upon him personally, and he should be an investigating committee for himself.

“I am pleased to inform you that the past year has been an unusually prosperous one with the Craft. A goodly number of worthy men have been added to the Order, and the prospect of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction is bright. I know of no discord at this time existing: all is peaceful and harmonious. Almost every Chapter has paid the Grand Secretary its dues for the past year, and a majority of them for the present. There are a few, however, who are, as usual, late. If it were possible to adopt some plan by which promptness could be secured and the orders of the Grand Chapter relative to the transmission of returns enforced, I would advise such action.”

Appropriate mention is made of the death of *M. E.* Comp. R. F. BOWEN, General Grand High Priest, and other lamented companions, and fraternal tributes are paid to their memory.

Four dispensations were issued for the formation of new Chapters. On the subject of special dispensations, the Grand High Priest says:—

“I very much disapprove of this custom in making Masons. Learning from observation, and knowing, as you must, that a hastily-made Mason cannot remember his obligations, and that he forgets the instruction imparted in regard to the requirements of the Order, he must naturally lose nearly all respect for that from which he anticipated so much, and of which he knows so little. I would add my protest against the growing evil, for such I believe it to be. A little care on the part of our excellent companions would obviate much, if not all, of this bad habit.”

We fully endorse the following, relative to the work of the Order:—

“Some of the Chapters that I have visited are doing excellent work; some of them medium; others very poor. In my opinion, there is nothing that will command respect and esteem for our Order so much as a careful and correct conferring of the degrees. This cannot be done unless the officers have a thorough knowledge of the work, which they are in duty bound to have. To each I would say: Have your work thoroughly committed, and on all occasions strive to improve in your style and manner of working, and you will very soon have all the assistance that you require for any work to be done. That, and punctuality in officers, is the secret of inducing a good attendance at your meetings.”

We note the following decisions:—

"I have received a sufficient number of inquiries during the past eleven months, to convince me that very many of our companions desire to be correct in all their proceedings, which is truly laudable, but that they do not examine the law, which is the reverse.

"All questions that I have answered by referring to the Constitution or former rulings I consider unnecessary to report. Those that require your attention, I hereby submit:

"*First Query.*—(1.) Can we confer the Royal Arch Degree on a brother who has received the three former degrees from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Indiana?

"*Answer.*—Yes; if the brother is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, or if he has been refused membership, provided that you receive a request or permit to do so, under its seal, from the Chapter that received and passed on his petition.

"(2.) After we confer the Royal Arch Degree on the brother, to which Chapter will he belong?

"*Answer.*—To the Chapter that received and passed on his petition, unless they waive jurisdiction. In that case, he would belong to the Chapter that conferred on him the Royal Arch Degree.

"*Second Query.*—Is it competent for me to arrest the jewel of my contumacious Secretary, declare the office vacant, and appoint another companion to fill the vacancy?

"*Answer.*—No; prefer charges and deal with him accordingly. You have no authority for declaring the office vacant, until he has been declared guilty by a two-thirds majority of his companions present at an impartial trial. You have a right to appoint a Secretary *pro tem.* only.

"*Third Query.*—Has a Chapter the right to refuse to confer the degrees on a brother, when requested to do so by another Chapter?

"*Answer.*—Yes.

"*Fourth Query.*—Has a Chapter the right to demand pay for conferring degrees for another Chapter? and if yes, how much?

"*Answer.*—They are entitled to pay for their work. (2.) One-sixth of the full amount charged for the six degrees by the Chapter conferring the degrees for each degree they confer.

"*Fifth Query.*—Can a Chapter confer the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees, without first opening in the Royal Arch Degree?

"*Answer.*—Yes; open in the degree in which you wish to work, do your work well, and close the Chapter.

"*Sixth Query.*—In reply to an inquiry, I decided that a brother Master Mason must be an affiliated member of some regular Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Iowa, or under some Grand Lodge recognized by it, or have been denied membership therein, to be eligible to the degrees of a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction.

"*Seventh Query.*—(1.) What effect does an objection to a petition for the Royal Arch Degrees have, when the petition is in the hands of the Investigating Committee?

"*Answer.*—Not any.

"(2.) Will it prevent balloting?

"*Answer.*—No.

"*Eighth Query.*—In reply to an interrogatory as to what constitutes a Masonic residence—

"*Answer.*—If he has a family, their residence is his; if not married, where he makes his home is his residence."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in reporting on these decisions, recommended that the last two words in the answer to the fifth query be stricken out. That also, in the eighth query, the answer should be: "Where he makes his home is his residence;" which recommendations were adopted. We concur.

The committee further report, in answer to questions propounded, as follows:—

"To the query, 'A brother Master Mason, residing at a distance from a Chapter, petitions for the degrees, (being the Chapter nearest his residence), and is rejected. Subsequently, a Chapter is established nearer his immediate residence. Does the Chapter who rejected the applicant still retain jurisdiction over him—or can it be assumed by the new Chapter without the consent of the Chapter to which the applicant first applied?' We answer: The new Chapter acquires territorial jurisdiction over the candidate, but cannot act on the petition without the permission of the Chapter rejecting. (See Article II, Section 16, Constitution Grand Chapter.)

"The committee are unable to find that the so-called General Regulation, on page 32 of the Constitutions of Grand Chapter, compelling a companion to hold his membership in one Lodge, may be conducted by his (the Chapter) nearest his home."

transactions of 1872.) Hence, not being the law, is not in conflict with the Constitution or the Masonic rights of individual members.

"To the query: 'Is it legal and correct for this Grand Chapter, or subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, to make nominations for office, and, when but one candidate is put in nomination, to authorize some one to cast the unanimous ballot of the Chapter?' We answer: 'Your committee are of the opinion that it is neither legal nor correct. We believe that nominations in a Masonic Body are not sanctioned by common usage, and if indulged in, are conducive of great evil to the Order; and the authorizing of any one to cast the unanimous ballot for any officer, is in direct violation of Section 2, of Article I, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.'"

In the answer to the first of these queries, the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is confirmed correctly; because it is the law of the General Grand Chapter, as well as of the Grand Chapter of Iowa; yet contrary, as we believe, to the dictates of common sense and reason. We have before given our ideas upon the subject, and will not here repeat them; but we do not hesitate to express our opinion that the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is unjust, wrong and absurd. As to the matter of nominations in Masonic Bodies, whether Grand or subordinate, we are in full accord with the committee.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, presents the following knotty question:—

"The action by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at its last session, defining the effect of suspension for non-payment of dues, and declaring the brother suspended to be simply 'denied all privileges *in his Lodge*, but is not debarred from all his Masonic rights and privileges in the Order, (as in cases of suspension for unmasonic conduct),' has opened up a question as to whether this action changes his relation to the Chapter. Our law says:—

"The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason by a symbolic Lodge, shall *de facto* operate to the same extent to suspend or expel him from all rights of Royal Arch Masonry."

"The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge has for years, and most probably will continue to refuse to publish in the Grand Lodge proceedings the list of Master Masons suspended for non-payment of dues, and the question will doubtless arise as to the real standing in the Chapter of Masons who have been for this cause suspended in their respective Lodges. I ask a decision of the point from you—in a word, 'whether suspension for non-payment of dues in Lodge, as now interpreted, affects standing in Chapter, and to what extent; whether, in words, suspension is suspension or something else.'"

The committee to whom the matter was referred, reported as follows:—

"We do not apprehend any difficulty or complication from the late action of our Grand Lodge on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues. We believe the rule to be well established, and thoroughly understood by our companions, that suspension from the Blue Lodge, *for any cause*, (including suspension for non-payment of dues), creates a corresponding relation in the Chapter, and we fail to understand why the action referred to should change the custom. We believe the rule to be a reasonable one, thoroughly established, and in keeping with a true Masonic spirit."

If the laws of the Grand Chapter of Iowa require a member of a subordinate Chapter to be a member in good standing of some Lodge, the decision of the committee is correct. If, on the other hand, no such requirement is made as a condition precedent to membership in the Chapter, we cannot see upon what ground the committee base their conclusions. The Grand Lodge has virtually declared that the penalty for non-payment of dues shall be deprivation of membership alone, which deprivation shall not affect his Masonic standing outside his particular Lodge. In other words, the delinquent is good enough to associate with Masons at large, on an equal footing, but, in his own Lodge, he is unworthy of consideration. This is the doctrine of Maine and Massachusetts, the doctrine that is swelling the ranks of the army of non-affiliates year after year with Masonic frauds and leeches, and inundating the country with a flood of tramps and swindlers to prey upon the Craft under the sacred banner of charity. We regret to learn that Iowa has taken this step backward. The system may be tolerated, under protest, in Massachusetts and Maine, who have not yet emerged from the sombre shadow of the dark ages; but, from the comparatively young, virile

and progressive jurisdiction of Iowa, we had hoped for better things. If your delinquents are too poor to pay, it is cruel, unjust and unmasonic to deprive them of membership; "Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors;" but, if being able, they neglect or refuse to comply with the By Laws they have solemnly promised to maintain and support, then they are unworthy of Masonic consideration, and should be lopped off like rotten branches before they sap the life of the trunk to which they are attached.

The Committee on Grievances congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, as evidenced by the lack of business presented for their consideration. The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund reported the amount in said fund, on the first day of October, 1882, to be \$2,015.15.

Comp. HORACE S. WINSLOW, a new candidate for M. A. S. honors, presented the Report on Correspondence. It is comprised in fifty pages and gives evidence of remarkable ability in *one so young*. The proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters are courteously and intelligently reviewed, and the report, as a whole, does credit to the head and heart of its author. While we regret that the veteran Comp. ECKENBRACK has "grown tired and laid the burden down," we rejoice that his mantle has fallen upon shoulders so worthy to wear it, and we cordially welcome Comp. WINSLOW to the reportorial guild. His criticisms of our proceedings are brief, but generous and fraternal. He says: "California for 1882 presents a volume of one hundred and eighty pages of very fine print, and this latter is about the only criticism that can be passed upon it." We thank our companion for the implied compliment, and in explanation would say that we are forced to employ small type, otherwise our volume would soon become too unwieldy for convenient use.

He quotes liberally from the Address of M. E. Comp. ORME, and says that the suggestions contained therein "should find a local habitation and a home in every Grand Chapter within the nation." He further says:—

"California, like Indiana, gives us something new in the way of a Correspondence Report—the latter being in a separate volume, the former being sandwiched in between portions of the minutes of the 'proceedings.' It is written by Past Grand High Priest THOMAS H. CASWELL, a veteran in the line, ranking the equal of the best. He takes much stock in the 'General Grand,' and, perforce of the same, blackens metaphorically speaking, Iowa's eye for her course.

"Well, there's some consolation in the fact that we are not altogether good. Such die young."

Our esteemed companion is in error when he says that we present anything new in the arrangement of our Report on Correspondence. We hold that the Report of the Committee on Correspondence is the peer, in dignity and importance, of that of any other committee, and should occupy its legitimate place in the body of the proceedings and not be ignominiously consigned to an appendix. We have adopted this course from the organization of our Grand Chapter; it is no "new thing under the sun," for even the Grand Chapter of Maine, benighted as it is in some particulars, is at least consistent in this. We had no intention in our remarks of last year to "blacken Iowa's eye," but only to point out the fact that the Grand High Priest, in his hostility to the General Grand Council, had allowed his temper to override his judgment. We are glad that Comp. WINSLOW finds consolation in the fact that "we are not altogether good," on account of the early demise of that class; and we assure him that if the Grand Chapter of Iowa preserves its vitality until it expires from an excess of goodness, its longevity is assured.

Under the head of Illinois he quotes the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, that a specified amount be fixed as the price of special dispensations, upon which he comments as follows:—

"In the first place, our opinion is, that dispensations for these purposes ought rarely, if ever, to be granted; but if they must be—and it would seem so from the reading of the records that are yearly made—then we most heartily concur in the

suggestion, and go in for making what money we may out of this not 'social' but necessary evil. We readily admit that emergencies may and will arise when and where a dispensation might be granted with pleasure to the craft and profit to the recipient; but usually these *emergencies* are created or *happen* when the desire is most strong to be seen upon some parade or public demonstration. True, it may be supposed that payment for the indulgence will tend to diminish applications therefor, and check where we cannot or will not prohibit, and so lessen the ill effects which reasonably will follow; yet the real remedy lies in the adoption of a 'prohibition amendment.'

We concur.

In his review of Nebraska he speaks our sentiments to the letter. He says:—

"We have too many 'drones in our hive' in each jurisdiction--drones that are sucking the life's blood from us, fastening upon the body of the Order a gangrene that yields to no remedy, harsh though it be, but entire removal. Cut them off, we say, and promptly, and save others from the blight they breed, and so remove the burden from off the fraternity."

Respectfully referred to Comps. D. D. & D.

We join hands with him upon the following proposition: under the head of New York, he says:—

"He also held that 'an installed officer of a Chapter cannot, of right, dimit during his term of office;' and of this the Committee on Jurisprudence said that it met 'with the fullest concurrence' upon their part. This may be good Masonic law, but if so, is it real good sense? The right of dismission, we hold, should not be abridged or trammelled by any narrow or technical rules, and especially those without reason to support them. If, of right, the member may dimit at any time if not holding office, the same right should exist although so unfortunate as to be holding an installed office. The sooner we get rid of this idea, that these officers of ours have some mysterious element injected into them as soon as installed into some office, the better for us. These officers are selected, first, to aid in the successful conduct of the meetings, assisting in maintaining the order and decorum essential to all deliberative bodies, and, secondly, to assist in conferring the several degrees. Now, what is wanted of them as officers, and as a prerequisite to all things else, is their attendance. If they fail here, the 'installation' does no good--there's a vacancy. If the officer wants to leave the place or abandon the Order, he creates a vacancy just as completely by this failure to attend as though he was dimitted, and so failed to attend. Some one is called to his place, and because of his office he is *forced* to remain a member, to the end that our Order may keep alive an imaginary thing--a myth, supported only by a lack of reason. We give our 'fullest concurrence' the other way."

We have broken many a lance in advocating the ideas above expressed, and we are rejoiced to find so doughty a companion in arms. *En avant*, brave Knight, let us pitch these musty old relics of a by-gone age into the moat of oblivion, and place upon their pedestals the dictates of common sense.

We have reached our limit and reluctantly bid Comp. Winslow farewell until next year. There are ninety-seven Chapters in this jurisdiction with a total membership of 5,413.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Dubuque on the eighteenth day of October, 1883.

KANSAS.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Topeka on the fourteenth day of February, 1882,—the M. E. SILAS E. SHELDON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Secretary. Forty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address says:—

"We are here again, companions, not simply to do the routine business, pass a few laws and regulations, and cast up the accounts of the year—for which such Annual Convocations are sometimes supposed to be appointed—but to renew by fraternal greeting that spirit of generous brotherhood, that faith and trust in divine guidance, and that earnest enthusiasm for the principles of our Order, without which Capitular Masonry, in the true and vital meaning of that term, would cease to exist."

Appropriate allusion is made to the death of Comps. GARFIELD, MACKAY, AUSTIN, and JOINER, and fraternal tributes are paid to their memory. Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters, and several applications for the same were denied. Among other official acts, the Grand High Priest announced the appointment of a Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturer, and urged upon the subordinate Chapters the advisability of availing themselves of this opportunity of obtaining the correct work of the Chapter in the only proper manner. He also recommended that the State be divided into a convenient number of districts, and that a District Deputy Grand High Priest be appointed by the Grand High Priest for each district; said deputy to visit each Chapter in his district at least once a year, and report annually to the Grand High Priest, and from time to time make such suggestions and recommendations to him as they might deem for the best interests of the Craft. The recommendation was a good one; but the committee to whom the matter was referred, reported adversely, and their report was adopted.

The following decisions were reported:—

"1. Where a candidate for the degrees of Capitular Masonry has been rejected by a Chapter, he cannot renew his application in that Chapter until six months have expired after his rejection.

"2. Any member of a Chapter has the right to object to the advancement of a candidate at any time after his election, and it is not necessary that charges be preferred or that the objections be stated in open Chapter.

"3. That the distance in a direct line from the place of residence to the nearest Chapter shall determine the question of jurisdiction.

"4. A subordinate Chapter cannot relinquish jurisdiction over Master Masons residing within their jurisdiction to a subordinate Chapter of another Grand Jurisdiction without the consent of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

"5. Only a High Priest or Past High Priest can install the officers of a subordinate Chapter."

Upon the foregoing decisions the Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows, and the report was adopted:—

"That decision numbered 1 is a repetition of a standing regulation of this Grand Chapter, adopted in 1872.

"That decision numbered 2, as reported, does not correctly state the law. The first is a repetition of a decision made and approved by this Grand Chapter in 1876, and in connection with the second clause, 'and it is not necessary that charges be preferred,' meets with the approval of your committee; but the latter clause of the decision, 'or that the objection be stated in open Chapter,' is disapproved.

"That decision numbered 3 is in conflict with decision numbered 2, made and approved by this Grand Chapter in 1831. But your committee, being of the opinion that the decision made by our present Grand High Priest is the correct rule, we recommend its approval, notwithstanding such approval will overrule the decision made last year.

"That decision numbered 4 is disapproved by your committee. The general law of Masonry is that the question of jurisdiction over any candidate is so far personal to the subordinate Chapter that it has the option of relinquishing its jurisdiction to any other Chapter, whether such Chapter is in the same jurisdiction or not, and we recommend the disapproval of this decision.

"That decision numbered 5 is a correct statement of the law, and your committee recommend its approval."

The following question was referred to the same committee:—

"A High Priest being desirous of securing a quorum for the transaction of business, summoned all the officers and the first nine members on the roll of his Chapter, this number being deemed sufficient. Did the High Priest err in not summoning all the members of the Chapter?"

Answer:—

"Upon the question asked by Comp. A. DUNLAP, your committee answer that the High Priest of a Chapter has the undoubted right to summon one or more of all the members of a Chapter to attend any Convocation of the Chapter, and it is within the discretion of the High Priest for what purpose he will use the summons; and if the High Priest abuses his discretion, he may be disciplined therefor."

The venerable Grand Treasurer was re-elected to the office which he had so long and faithfully filled, and an annuity of fifty dollars was settled upon him for the remainder of his life.

The Grand High Priest concludes his Address with a well-deserved compliment to the Grand Secretary, which demonstrates the fact that Grand High Priests, unlike "republics," are not always ungrateful.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on the right side of the ledger of \$1,311.92.

The following extract from the report of the Grand Secretary, will apply to other jurisdictions than Kansas :—

"By referring to my financial report, you will observe that many of our subordinates have failed to comply with that portion of our law which requires the Secretaries to make out and send up their annual returns, together with the amounts due the Grand Chapter. It passes our comprehension to understand why so many Secretaries persist in these unnecessary delays. The time fixed, is sufficient, and no good reason can be assigned why this duty should be delayed and thus cause annoyance and often confusion in compiling reports. We feel sure that should we take the like liberty with their demands, they would complain and be justified in so doing.

"These delays render it impossible for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to complete their accounts at the time they are required to render them to the Grand Chapter. Punctuality is the key to the successful discharge of business transactions; let the Secretaries of Chapters bear this in mind, and in the future prompt obedience to legal requisition will characterize their acts."

It was ordered that any Chapter failing to make its return of dues within the time prescribed by law, should be debarred from representation at the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, in alluding to the lack of uniformity in the work, says :—

"I am of the opinion that this trouble is owing to the irregular and unlawful means by which they attempt to acquire the work. Many times companions from other jurisdictions come among us who have at best but a smattering only of the work and lectures of their Masonic homes, and are therefore ill-qualified to instruct others even in the work which they pretend to know. Many times, too, the officers of our Chapters permit such companions to interfere, forgetting that this Grand Chapter has adopted a system of esoteric work and lectures, and appointed competent instructors to impart it.

"We flatter ourselves that we have adopted the best system of Capitular Rituals extant, and no other should be tolerated, otherwise confusion instead of harmony will prevail. The Grand Chapter should at once take steps to remedy this evil by devising a reliable method of imparting the correct work, and thus stop all interference by intruders or dissenters with our plan and work."

In this connection, the Committee on Rituals presented the following report, which was adopted :—

"That they have carefully considered the several subjects, and recommend that this Grand Chapter positively prohibit the introduction of any other work, or so-called work, of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, except that which has been formally adopted by this Grand Chapter."

The Report on Correspondence by the Grand Secretary, Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, is written in his usual terse and genial style. The proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters are reviewed, including California for 1881, in his notice of which he quotes approvingly from the Address of *M. E.* Comp. TINNIN, and pays your reporter the following compliment :—

"We have an excellent Report on Correspondence, by Comp. THOS. H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, covering one hundred and twenty-four pages. His selections are good, and his comments courteous but pointed, and he who ventures to cope with this knight of the quill in argument, must come well prepared for defense, at least."

We are not naturally of a combative temperament, but always strive to keep lance in rest for those who advocate doctrines which to us seem erroneous.

With reference to some remarks of ours relative to suspension for non-payment of dues, he says :—

"We do not favor the ancient idea of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and this 'off with his head!' is a little too Turkish for our day; we doubt if it is at all consistent with our professions, and deem it out of place on our statute books as a part and parcel of man-made law. It does not look well, nor is it necessary to compel a companion to rise in open Chapter and plead his poverty to save himself

from Masonic decapitation. Circumstances may make such severe rulings a necessity in California, but it will not do on this side of the Sierras. We do not care, however, to carry this discussion far; it has been well handled by a number of our writers, and we see no great good in its continuance, further than by quoting occasionally the current opinions on both sides of the question."

Now, Comp. BROWN, we submit that the above is not a fair statement of the case. It seems to be the determination of some who oppose our system of suspension for non-payment of dues, to fix upon us the uncharitable stigma of desiring to thrust without the pale of Masonry all who are unable to pay their dues. That we have advocated such a policy, ever dreamed of it, or that any such idea can possibly be inferred from any writings of ours, we pronounce an unmitigated, tergeminous "no such thing." It is not the poor man's scalp we are after; and, to carry out our idea, it is not necessary that a companion should be subjected to the humiliation of rising in open Chapter and pleading his poverty, "to save himself from Masonic decapitation." No; when notified by the Secretary that he is in arrears for dues, and that, unless payment is made on or before the next stated meeting, or some satisfactory reason is given why such payment is not made, he will be suspended, all the poor companion has to do is to address a note to the Secretary or High Priest, stating his inability to pay and asking an extension of time. Is there any humiliation in this? and think you any Lodge or Chapter would suspend a member who makes such an appeal? Certainly not; it is those who are able but unwilling to perform their duties, that the law is intended to reach. And which, we ask, is the more humiliating; to honestly confess your inability to pay, or to allow your companions to believe that, being able, you refuse to perform the plain duty imposed upon you by the By-Laws which you have solemnly promised to maintain and support? We have no hesitation in saying that a brother or companion who, having the ability, neglects or refuses to pay his dues, is unworthy of Masonic consideration, and should be lopped off like a rotten branch from a healthy tree. Comp. BROWN says: "Such severe rulings will not do for this side of the Sierras." If he will examine carefully the proceedings of his neighboring Grand Bodies, he will find that our ideas are endorsed by not a few of them, even on his side of the "Rockies."

With reference to our remarks on profanity, he says:—

"The quotation is from the Address of the Grand High Priest of Mississippi; the comments are Companion CARWELL's. Too much can not be said and written against this unnecessary, vulgar and wicked habit, which is slowly but surely creeping upwards from its dark birth-place in the saloon and the brothel, into the broad light of day, and is heard not only in the workshop and the exchange, but even in the drawing-rooms of alleged polite society. Only a few years more and Americans, not all of the masculine gender, alas, will be in condition to compete with their English cousins for that proud preëminence in profanity, which amazes even the Godless continentals, and wins for the Britons the distinctive and expressive French epithet of 'Les Godams.' It is indulged in by too many of our beloved, some even in high places. To all such we must in candor say, if you can not refrain from this low and vulgar habit, step down from your official place and ont; no longer play the hypocrite; be honest enough not to draw censure and odium upon the Order which has highly favored you. Show respect for the Order by withdrawing such weakness from too conspicuous positions. We have said much upon this subject in an official way, laboring for another branch of our Order."

He fully concurs in our position that a High Priest or Council of a subordinate Chapter may remove appointed officers for cause, and says: "It could not well be otherwise, if we would have the Chapters flourish and do well." He agrees with us in nearly everything except the non-payment of dues question, and we do not despair of converting him to the true faith in time. *Vale* Comp. BROWN, your closing benediction is heartily reciprocated.

There are forty-nine Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 1,831. The M. E. GEORGE C. KENTON was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter commenced its sixty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Louisville on the seventeenth day of October, 1882,—the M. E. R. J. LAUGHLIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH BRANHAM being Grand Secretary. Sixty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presented the Annual Address, premising it by stating that he had, on the nineteenth of July, received official notice from the Grand High Priest of his inability longer to discharge the duties of the position, and, in consequence of this notice, he had assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Grand High Priest. The cause of the disability of the principal officer is not given. He is reported as present at the Convocation, but he appears to have taken no part in the proceedings. The first official act of the Deputy Grand High Priest, as reported, was the arrest of the charter of a subordinate Chapter, and in reporting this act he recommended the arrest of seventeen more charters for delinquency in returns and dues, and the Grand Chapter concurred in the recommendation. Thus nearly a score of Chapters were smothered at "one fell swoop;" a suggestive commentary upon the careless creation of subordinate bodies. One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

In this connection the Deputy Grand High Priest says:—

"To my mind there is no more pregnant cause of the lack of interest in the work of the Capitular Degrees, and the sparse attendance on the few meetings held, than a want of familiarity with the ritual on the part of the principal officers of the Chapters. The possession of this knowledge as a prerequisite to exaltation to office, was recognized by the wise framers of our laws; and we do well to heed their wise counsels in opening our quarries. No sensible man would let to mere apprentices a contract to prepare the stone for his costly mansion; how much less should we give authority to prepare the living stones for our Temple to any but those fully competent to teach the young craftsman such skill in architecture as will enable him to produce good work, true work and square work only, and excite in him a love for his profession.

"It is not natural for us to be much interested in work of which we ourselves are comparatively ignorant, and which we rarely see well done by others."

With reference to the Cryptic degrees, he expressed a wish that, "after years of deliberation," the disturbing question may be decisively settled, as "not only Cryptic, but Capitular Masonry is suffering from the unsettled feeling and divided opinions as to the former." He evidently leans to the "merger" side of the question, and thinks the controversy must end in that eventually. At the last Annual Convocation, a majority and minority report were presented upon this subject; the majority report favoring the surrender of the Cryptic degrees to their legitimate and lawful guardians, while the minority report recommended that no action be taken; which reports were laid over until the next, (present), Annual Convocation. The following extract from the record will show the action of the Grand Chapter thereon:—

"It was then moved that the majority report be adopted.

"Comp. J. S. SMITH, moved as a substitute, that the minority report be adopted—which motion was lost after considerable discussion.

"The question then was upon the adoption of the majority report, upon which question a call of the Chapters was demanded by Companions J. S. SMITH and J. W. HOPPER.

"The call of the Chapters was then proceeded with, and before the result was announced, Comp. J. S. SMITH arose to a question of privilege, and being accorded the floor, said that it being evident that the fairly expressed will of the Grand Chapter was in favor of the majority report, he deemed it a matter of too great importance to the Craft to be undertaken with divided counsels, and wishing the Grand Chapter to be harmonious on this question, and to that end, he moved that the majority report with the following appended resolutions be unanimously adopted.

"Which motion, when put to the Grand Chapter, was adopted without a dissenting voice.

"The following are the resolutions accompanying the majority report:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter resigns its jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master into the hands of the officers and members comprising the

last Grand Council of such, which met in the city of Louisville, on the 24th day of October, 1878.

"*Resolved*, That the *M. E.* Grand High Priest and his associate Grand Officers, be instructed to fraternally request the *M. I.* Grand Master of the Grand Council last presiding, to convene at an early day, the officers and members composing the last Grand Council, for the purpose of formally resigning into their hands the trust committed to them."

By the action of the Grand Chapters of Kentucky and Mississippi, we are satisfied that, at the next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, there will be few, if any, of the Grand Chapters that will desire to retain jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees. "So mote it be."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$443.76, and the total resources of the Grand Chapter are stated to be \$4,243.76.

One subordinate Chapter petitioned for permission to surrender its charter, and was graciously permitted to do so; and the Grand Secretary was directed to report, at each Annual Convocation, all Chapters which have failed to make returns for more than one year.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. HIRAM BASSETT, is fully equal to his former efforts in a literary point of view, *albeit* not so full in its details as the last; as Florida, Indiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and West Virginia are missing. This, however, is no fault of Comp. BASSETT's, and the absent ones are greatly the losers in failing to receive notice from his graceful pen. California, for 1882, is handsomely noticed, and our thanks are due him for kindly commendation happily expressed. He thus introduces us:—

"In contemplating this vigorous young sister Grand Chapter, feelings of admiration are inspired, akin to those which are engendered, (in a *bachelor's* breast, at least), on beholding a fresh, healthy and rosy-cheeked young sister of the human family. "Everything betokens health, animation, zeal and activity."

He quotes freely from *M. E.* Comp. ORME's Address, and approves his decisions. With reference to that regarding the ballot, he gives his own views, in which we thoroughly coincide, notwithstanding the practice of our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are opposed thereto. He says:—

"He decided that the *ballot* should be spread after the Committee of Investigation had reported '*unfavorably*' on a petition.

"This decision is approved by your committee on the following grounds: *First*, the *character* of an Investigating Committee's report should not be put on record; and to record the *facts* that the committee reported and the candidate was declared rejected, would be equivalent to recording the *nature*, or *character* of the report.

"*Second*, the *ballot-box* is the only legitimate channel by which a candidate can be *electd* or *rejected*. He may be *estopped* after the election by oral or written objection. An unfavorable report creates a presumption as to the result of the ballot, but it must not be inferred that what is presumed *will* be done, *has been* done. The *whole body* must be acting to elect, or *reject* a petition. The committee simply furnishes information as a *basis* for its action.

"Your committee is aware of Dr. MACKAY's position on this question, and has ever regarded it as a blunder, and one of the few to be found in his excellent work on Masonic Jurisprudence."

Under the head of Maryland, he quotes the following from the report of Comp. SCHULTZ:—

"While we admit the old regulations say, a brother ought to belong to some Lodge, yet we think there is no power whatever that can compel him to do so; and while we admit also, that there are some privileges denied to a non-affiliate, we will, so long as we have voice, protest against the modern ideas that a non-affiliate *has no rights whatever*, and that one, for the *failure* to pay dues, can be placed upon a level with one expelled for gross unmasonic conduct."

To which he makes the following reply, which echoes our oft' expressed views and clinches the argument with the hammer of conviction:—

"With us it is not simply the '*failure* to pay dues,' that leads to suspension; (we never expel for non-payment of dues, but merely suspend, and leave it with the sus-

pended to terminate the period at his own pleasure;) but the violation of his compact with the Lodge—his obligations to 'maintain and support' or 'stand to and abide by' the By-Laws of the Lodge, and contumaciously refusing, or failing to obey the due summons of the Lodge. We think there is a degree of unmasonic conduct in this—of disrespect to his brother members—that merits a forfeiture, for a temporary period, at least, of all Masonic rights—the length of the period resting with himself. We have never known a brother to be suspended who was unable to pay his dues. 'Further time,' or a total remission has always been granted, when a brother has shown enough consideration for the Lodge to treat it with ordinary respect. Nor is there anything in the confession of inability, that should cause humiliation; while to remain passive, and be 'dropped from the roll,' should produce such a feeling; because in that act there is a degree of *punishment*, and that implies *misconduct*."

We would gladly make further extracts, but Kentucky comes late; our report is finished, and the footsteps of the printer's familiar spirit are audible at the portal of our *sanctum*.

The *M. E.* HOWARD R. FRENCH, was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOSEPH H. BRANHAM was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation, will be held in the city of Louisville on the sixteenth day of October, 1883.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans on the fourteenth day of February, 1882,—the *M. E.* ANDREW HERO, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Past Grand High Priest being Grand Secretary. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we infer that but little, if any, improvement has taken place in the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. The following extract reads like a chapter from the "Book of Lamentations:"—

"I had hoped at this Convocation to have had the pleasure of reporting an improvement in Capitular Masonry throughout the State, but a spirit of lethargy seems to predominate, and our diminished number of Chapters bids fair to be further reduced at this Convocation. The paucity of meetings held, and the lack of interest evinced in many Chapters, clearly demonstrate that those elevated to the honorable positions of officers have not done everything required of them by the By-Laws of their Chapters, or the requirements of the Grand Chapter.

"In my opinion, the decline of Royal Arch Masonry in this State can only be remedied by the selection in each Chapter of energetic, zealous companions as officers, and through them life and interest will be infused into the workings of their respective Chapters. Such of our Chapters as have adopted this course are prosperous; their returns bear evidence of diligent labor, and indicate that they have entered upon an era of prosperity, and their members can view with pride their flourishing condition."

It appears that the assessment levied last year has been cheerfully met and in most instances promptly paid, reducing materially the deficit then existing. The Grand High Priest dreading the effects of another assessment, urges upon the Grand Chapter the necessity of adopting measures to reduce the expenses. It appears that the sum necessary to the maintenance of the Grand Chapter under the present rules, is about eight hundred dollars per annum, while the annual revenue amounts to less than seven hundred dollars. These figures point to but one result—bankruptcy; and we are not surprised that the Grand High Priest calls upon the companions to reduce their expenses and provide an increase of revenue. To this end he recommends the repeal of so much of Section 23 of the Constitution as renders life members exempt from dues to the Grand Chapter, "and that henceforth those who owe allegiance to it shall be actually *live* members."

We see no reason why the suggestion should not be adopted. The companions who, by the payment of a stipulated sum have been made life members of their respective Chapters, have, of course, purchased exemption from the payment of dues to the subordinate bodies; but this does not absolve them from the obligation to pay dues to the Grand Chapter. In California we have many life members, but the Chapters pay

dues to the Grand Chapter for every member borne upon their rolls, without exception. It appears that in Louisiana the contributing members number from six hundred and fifty to seven hundred, and the life members two hundred and fifty; two hundred and fifteen of which are members of Chapters in the city of New Orleans. If this number were compelled to pay the Grand Chapter dues, the revenue would be materially increased. As a means of curtailing the expenses, the Grand High Priest recommends the suspension for a time of Section 19, of the general regulations, allowing mileage and per diem, and of Section 22, authorizing a Grand Lecturer. The Grand Chapter wisely adopted these suggestions, and we shall, no doubt, at the next Annual Convocation, find that the financial horizon has been cleared of the clouds which have so long obscured it.

The Grand High Priest reported that no discord or contention had arisen among the Chapters, and no grievance had been presented requiring the action of the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Grievances also reported that nothing had been presented upon which to employ their time and talents.

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana prohibits Past High Priests from voting in that body; and this, it was suggested, conflicted with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter; whereupon the Grand High Priest ruled that the section alluded to was inoperative and null, that the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is supreme and governs in all cases of conflict between the two instruments; which ruling was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The Report of the Grand Secretary reveals a sad array of defunct and moribund Chapters, and it is only too plain that our companions of Louisiana require something to stimulate their zeal and quicken their enthusiasm. Let us hope that this need may be supplied in the energy and fidelity of the officers, both Grand and subordinate.

As an evidence of returning life, we find an excellent Report on Correspondence from the veteran JOSEPH S. HORNOR. Long has JOSEPH'S harp been hung upon the willows, and we welcome with joy once more its tuneful strains. Let us hope it will not prove to be the "lay of the last minstrel" in Louisiana. The proceedings of thirty-five Chapters are reviewed; California for 1881, receiving a generous share of his attention. In alluding to our remarks upon the subject of "Cheap Masonry," he fully concurs in our views, and expresses his ideas as follows:—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the hands of Comp. CARSWELL. On the subject of cheap Masonry his views are entirely in accord with our own, and we only regret we cannot see this subject more dilated upon in other jurisdictions. No matter how harsh it may appear to the ears of some of our companions, the Order of Masonry is not a democratic, but an aristocratic institution, and intended only for those, who, besides being able by their worldly means to gain admission, should also be able to support the character and discharge the responsibilities of the station they seek. In this State, and we believe it is the case everywhere, the fees charged for admission into the different degrees of Masonry are the same as they were twenty-five years ago, and yet what a tremendous change has taken place, not only in the civilization and growth of the country, but in the expansion of values, and the multiplication and enhancement of the necessities, so that it needs no argument to convince any thinking man that the dollar of to-day will not go half so far in the ordinary expenses of life as it would a quarter of a century ago. If the fees for the degrees in Masonry were doubled now, we believe they would still be cheaper than they were at that time."

The doctrine of suspension for non-payment of dues, is evidently "not for Joseph." He quotes the following from our report of that year:—

"In California, it is only against those who 'possess the means of paying and will not,' that the penalty for non-payment is enforced. If a companion is unable to pay his dues, *he has only to say so*, and further time is given him, or they are remitted altogether. Due notice is given of his arrearages, and, if he pays no attention to this notice, he is guilty of contempt and deserves no consideration."

To which he responds:—

he unwilling to only 'say so' as he suggests, and whether the refusal on their part to 'say so,' should be considered as unnatural, and therefore should be punished? All these things, although small in themselves, it seems to us, should have been considered before such sweeping laws as now rule had been adopted, and which have swept away so many good men and true into the waters of Masonic oblivion, which were intended only to wash out the trash and deadwood."

After further quotation, he again says:—

"But who is to find out if the accused is unable to pay? By what right are you to presume so merely because he keeps silent; and how can any man reconcile it to himself that a formal trial is a farce; and who, in the whole aggregation of Masons, is so infallible as to say that there is any fault which a man may commit, which, by its nature, is proven by being charged? Instead of asking the question: 'Is the companion delinquent?' and authoritatively saying 'yes;' why not just as well, and in just as short and unconvincing a manner, alter it and say: 'Is he charged?' 'Yes.' 'Then he is guilty. Off with his head!' All that may be. 'So much for BUCKINGHAM; but we fear the BUCKINGHAM is Masonry which has been suffering from just such wrongs for so many years; for it would require a close study of Masonic statistics at this day, to say whether there are more Masons in good standing, at present, in this country, or more Masons laboring under the sentence of suspension from all their Masonic rights and privileges, who have never been really and truly tried Masonically, the edicts of every Grand Lodge and every Grand Chapter on this continent to the contrary, notwithstanding. If, in the body politic, crime should stalk so fearlessly through our streets that it should be found necessary to take away the form of trial for any named offense, what would result but anarchy and blood-shed and confusion? So, also, in Masonry; we believe, unless things are changed, that the time must come when those thus cut off from Masonic privileges will so far outnumber those of us in so-called good standing that they will be able to heave the whole institution from the imaginary foundations of financial support upon which it stands, and overturn the whole theory, that in order to be a Mason, one must needs be a contributor."

As to a Mason's "feelings or pride" deterring him from making known his inability to pay, the argument is scarcely worth the ink required to answer it. The brother has signed a contract, (the By-Laws), by which he binds himself to pay a stipulated sum per month, per quarter, or per annum, as the case may be, as a partial equivalent for the privileges of Lodge membership. The laws of the Order, which he has promised to obey, require this, and it is as much his duty to comply with these laws, while he has the ability to do so, as with any other law of Masonry. If he finds himself unable to fulfill his contract and comply with the law, he is in honor bound to make the fact known, that his brethren may not labor under the misapprehension that he is wilfully and deliberately violating his obligations, and proving recreant to his duty. We do not believe that Masonry has suffered, or ever will suffer, from a judicious pruning of its dead or decaying branches; such only sap the life of the parent tree, and contribute nothing to its existence; and, even if the recreant should outnumber the faithful,—a statement altogether exaggerated and unreasonable—it were better so than to retain in the fraternity all these leeches and drones, to waste the substance of their more honest and conscientious brethren.

Our companions will understand and bear in mind that these remarks are intended to apply only to those who *can* and *won't* pay; we defer to no man in our sympathy with honest poverty, and would do as much to relieve it, according to our ability, as any one; but we have no patience with, or sympathy for, those brethren, (only in name), who would shirk the duties which they have voluntarily assumed, and shift the burden upon the shoulders of others. It is idle to suppose that the duties imposed by Masonry can be performed without money. It is a favorite custom with those who are opposed to our views, to stigmatize our Masonry as the "Masonry of dollars and cents." We accept the title and glory in it; yes, we rejoice with exceeding gladness that, by our "Masonry of dollars and cents," we are enabled to feed the hungry, and clothe the naked, to relieve the distressed, support the widow, protect and educate the orphan, minister to the sick, cheer the dying and bury the dead. Let us exhibit a few figures in support of our position:—

In the city of San Francisco alone, the Masonic Board of Relief have expended during the past year, for the relief of distressed brothers, their widows and orphans, not connected with the Lodges in this city, the sum of \$9,874.77; and since its organization, in 1856, the same Board has expended \$186,051.77. Of this sum \$50,528.36 was expended for Masons of California, their widows and orphans; while the sum of \$124,257.75, was expended for those of other jurisdictions; the remainder being consumed by incidental expenses. In order to raise the fund necessary for this extensive system of relief, the Lodges of San Francisco voluntarily contribute a *per capita* sum of ten cents per month and two dollars and fifty cents for each degree conferred. The Grand Lodge, also, makes an annual contribution to the fund. Any brother, therefore, who, having the ability, neglects or refuses to pay his dues, is guilty not only of dereliction of duty to his Lodge, but of violating his obligation to contribute to the relief of a worthy distressed brother, his widow or orphans.

In his zeal for the defense of the non-contributing member, Comp. HORNOR loses his head, and indulges in opinions and assertions utterly subversive of order and organization. Under the head of Maine, he says:—

"1st. We gainsay the first proposition, and deny that a Grand Chapter has any right to determine what penalty shall be inflicted for the non-payment of dues by members of subordinate Chapter. We contend that the non-payment of dues is not, of itself, a Masonic offense, and therefore not liable to Masonic punishment; that the members of subordinate Chapters are only liable to be disciplined for unmasonic conduct, and that their guilt or innocence can only be primarily determined by the subordinate Chapter, which alone has the right of measuring the penalty therefor; and that the assumption by Grand Chapters to determine what are Masonic offenses, and to specify what penalties shall be inflicted therefor, is unwarranted and unmasonic.

"2d. We deny most positively that if the Grand Chapter prescribes suspension or expulsion from all Masonic rights, and that penalty is inflicted otherwise than according to the ancient usage of the Order, namely, after due trial and condemnation by secret ballot, that it has the same effect as such disgrace would have if it were regularly inflicted for Masonic crime; and that no edict of any set of men can make it have that effect. And that is easily to be seen, if we consider for a moment some of the effects sought to be produced.

"While such suspension or expulsion debars the unfortunate companion from the right of visitation, and other Masonic rights, and while it purports to cut him off from all Masonic intercourse with his brethren, it in reality does not do the latter. A true Mason, as such, cannot be made, by the moral force of any such law, to deny or refuse such Masonic intercourse, or to refuse and withhold Masonic aid and protection."

This is heresy with a vengeance. The proposition is here squarely laid down, that a Grand Body has no right to enact laws for the government of its subordinates, or to prescribe a penalty for the infraction of its regulations; also, that an individual Mason may defy the authority of his Grand Lodge or Chapter, disregard his solemn obligation, and hold Masonic intercourse with, or give Masonic aid and protection to a suspended or expelled Mason. To such an argument we have neither the patience nor inclination to reply.

There is much in Comp. HORNOR's report that we would gladly notice and comment upon, but our limit is reached. We are thankful that Louisiana has at last given us something to write about, although we are compelled to shed our ink in opposition to some of the views expressed; and, as we peruse Comp. HORNOR's conclusion, we find that it is to the munificence of the *Heroic* Grand High Priest we are indebted for this treat, he having agreed to "*foot the bill*" if Comp. HORNOR would write the report. There is hope for Louisiana while such a man is at the head of the Order in that jurisdiction.

There are twenty-two Chapters borne upon the roll, with an active membership of 685, and a life membership of 241; making a total of 926.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MAINE.

The fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Portland on the second day of May, 1882,—the *M. E.* JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ISA BERRY being Grand Secretary. Thirty-nine out of forty-four Chapters were represented. Ten Past Grand High Priests also gave the Grand Chapter the benefit of their wisdom and experience, and twenty-six sister Grand Chapters had representatives in attendance.

The Grand High Priest in his Address announces the death of the Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel, and pays a fraternal tribute to their memory. He also notices in appropriate language the death of Comps. MACKAY of South Carolina, GARFIELD of Ohio, JOINER of Alabama, and OWENS of Missouri.

The following is somewhat paradoxical:—

“Royal Arch Masonry in this State, during the year past, has been making a steady gain. There have been sixty more exaltations this year than last, and yet the present membership is not as large as last year.”

How there should have been a steady gain, while the returns show a loss of fifty members, is one of the things “which no fellow can find out.”

Here follows a sentence which expresses our sentiments first, last, and all the time; and coming from Maine, it has more than ordinary force and significance. We especially commend it to the attention of Comps. BROWN of Kansas, and HONOR of Louisiana.

“Several Chapters, finding ‘unfaithful craftsmen,’ who, though able, were unwilling to bear their shares of the burdens, have suspended them during the year past. This is right. If a companion is able and will not pay the small assessment required in most Chapters, *he is unworthy*, and the sooner he is out of the body the better; if he is unable, his dues should be *fully and cheerfully remitted*.”

This is the doctrine we have been preaching for years, and from no quarter have we encountered such determined opposition as from Maine. The endorsement of our views by the head of the Order in that jurisdiction is therefore more than gratifying; it is absolutely exhilarating. The conversion of a great majority of our contemporaries is only a question of time. One by one, as the question is more fully discussed, they fall into line and agree with us, that a Mason who, being able, will not bear his share of the burdens and responsibilities inseparable from that connection, is a Mason only in name, and unworthy of Masonic consideration.

The Grand High Priest intimates that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction; the officers of Chapters have earnestly endeavored to attain to uniformity in the work, and the errors that now appear are few and unimportant. In this relation he reports that he has received from the *M. E.* General Grand High Priest that portion of the ritual adopted at the last Triennial Convocation; but regrets that any change should now be made when the Grand Chapter, after having labored for years to secure uniformity, have practically succeeded. This portion of the address was referred to the Incoming Grand Council for their consideration and action.

The only question of *importance* submitted for the decision of the Grand High Priest was:—

“Is there any objection to a High Priest committing the several charges and delivering them from memory, instead of reading them from the book?”

The originator of this subtle question is entitled to the largest sized cake with leather medal attachment. The Grand High Priest, after mature consideration, replied that he did not know of any objection to such a proceeding, and doubtless the science of mnemonics will be diligently cultivated in Maine.

He calls attention to the pernicious practice, which, he says, has prevailed in some Chapters, of the Secretary assuming the duties of the Treasurer.

“The Secretary receives all moneys, pays all bills, and, when he gets ready, pays the balance over to the Treasurer. This is not right. There is no authority expressed

or implied, for a Secretary to pay out moneys; but he should turn all money over to the Treasurer as he receives it, taking his receipt therefor, and the Treasurer should pay the bills."

We fully concur in these views; in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred where defalcations occur, it is the Secretary and not the Treasurer who is delinquent. The Treasurer is usually selected from among the "solid men" of the body, his wealth and standing in the community being taken into consideration as a partial guaranty for the safety of funds committed to his keeping. The Secretary is usually chosen for his intelligence and clerical ability, and to him the compensation attached to the office is an inducement to accept it. We opine there are but few Secretaries who accept the position for love of the labor. If, then, he suffers himself to grow careless in his payments to the Treasurer, keeping the funds in hand and paying bills himself, he is liable at times to be assailed by temptation—although he may be strictly honest in his intentions—to use a portion of the funds for his individual purposes, intending of course to refund it at the earliest opportunity. One indulgence of this character leads on to another and another, until he finds himself hopelessly involved, and exposure and disgrace is the almost inevitable result. A Secretary who is mindful of his own interests and reputation as well as those of the body he serves, will promptly turn over to the Treasurer all funds that may come into his hands, and pay no bills, but issue to the creditor an order on the Treasurer, duly signed by the presiding officer and himself, which the Treasurer will duly honor.

The reports of the visiting officers, give a gratifying account of the subordinate Chapters, and we congratulate our companions upon their prosperity and harmony. From the Report of the Grand Treasurer, we learn that all the Chapters had made their returns and paid their dues in full. There is a balance in the Treasury of \$714.79, and in the "Charity Fund," \$4,302. The Committee on Grievances rested in idleness, and waked up long enough to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon that fact.

We come now to the *pièce de résistance*, the Report on Correspondence by Companion DRUMMOND. The other D. has retired from co-partnership, he having changed his residence to the city of New York. Comp. DERRY is a genial and able reviewer, and we regret to lose him from the reportorial corps, but we predict that his talent will not long lie buried in the larger field of labor to which he has gone. What Maine has lost, New York has gained; and the quantity is no light one on either side.

Comp. DRUMMOND reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, California, for 1882, included; his report covering ninety-eight pages. In his review of California, he quotes the remarks of M. E. Comp. ORME, relative to the dangers arising from attempts in certain quarters, to popularize Masonry, and most earnestly commends them to the attention of his companions. Relative to the action of our Grand Chapter in expelling, by resolution, FRANK D. TUNIS, late High Priest of *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"While we do not doubt the *power* of the Grand Chapter to do this, we think that, except for contempt committed in its presence, actual or constructive, the accused should have notice, and an opportunity for a hearing. In this case, we think the Grand High Priest should have notified the companion, that his case would be presented to the Grand Chapter, and directed him to appear and answer, if he saw fit."

In this connection, we will say that while the action of our Grand Chapter did not fully accord with the views of the writer, yet, if there ever was a case that justified summary action, this certainly did. The companion had wilfully disregarded the authority of the Grand Chapter; treated with utter indifference the orders of its official head, and received with silent contempt the repeated communications and requests of the Grand Secretary. No amount of explanation could possibly have absolved him from the charge of contempt, and the inference to be drawn from his previous

action, was, that any summons or notice to appear before the Grand Chapter would have been treated with like indifference. We are always in favor of giving an accused party an opportunity to be heard in defense; but in this case, the circumstances were aggravated, and the Grand Chapter, having the power, chose to exercise it summarily, and we have no fault to find with its action.

With reference to our remarks last year, relative to the power of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests to suspend Masons at will, Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"If our companion has read the foregoing part of our report, he will already have seen his error in assuming that giving the Grand Master the power to suspend, contemplates that he may exercise it without trial or notice. His illustration utterly fails. We desire to add further, that while our views are undoubtedly affected by the laws which have prevailed in our jurisdiction, our companion will fail to find an instance in which we have claimed that such laws are, therefore, universal; but when some companion has assailed our law as contrary to the general Masonic law, apparently because contrary to the law in his own jurisdiction, we have insisted that our law, having been in force here longer than the other law has been anywhere, cannot be justly denounced as contrary to the laws and usages of Masonry.

"Also, we will say, that no member can be suspended from membership without due trial; and if he will refer to the 'Maine Masonic Text Book,' he will find the prescribed method of proceeding.

"He may put it down as a proposition having no exception, that in Maine a Mason cannot be deprived of any of his rights without notice and an opportunity for a hearing. The notice may be constructive in some cases, as, for instance, when a man absconds. In case also of contempt committed in the presence of the Grand Lodge, the proceedings may be summary, but still there is an opportunity to be heard. Our companion must find some other point upon which to cite the 'consistency' adage.

"Referring to our remarks upon the practical effect of our system in relation to non-payment of dues, he says:—

"We append the usual Table of Statistics, which shows that during the year one hundred members were suspended (from membership) in Maine for non-payment of dues, while in California, during the same period, only sixty-nine were hung up for that offense. Fill your pipe again, Comp. D."

"This is hardly fair, because, if we consider the *per cent.* according to our previous statement, he will not have much to brag of, for while ours is *twenty-four* to a thousand, his is *twenty-three*. But a single year is no test; so we have examined the statistics for eight years, and prepared the following table, showing the rate per thousand members:—

Year.	Maine.	California.
1841.....	24	23
1880.....	15	40
1879.....	16½	33
1878.....	0	20
1877.....	0	9
1876.....	4	12
1875.....	8	12
1874.....	0	20

The average for the eight years is, Maine 8½, California 21. Fill your pipe again Comp. C."

Our dudheen is full, and, while we calmly "blow a cloud," we propose to clear away some of the smoke from Comp. D's contradictory assertions. The discussion relative to the power of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests to suspend, summarily, a member of the Order, grew out of the action of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, which conferred upon its Grand High Priest that power absolutely, without restriction. Upon this action we commented as follows: "We do not hesitate to characterize this as the most unprecedented and high-handed piece of Masonic legislation which has ever come under our observation. It confers upon the Grand High Priest more power than Grand Masters of Symbolic Lodges ever had, or claimed to have. It places him at once in the position of judge and executioner, and he condemns without appeal or benefit of clergy."

In commenting upon the foregoing, Comp. DRUMMOND intimates that the Masons of Maine and Massachusetts must smile at our ignorance; for, in those jurisdictions,

Grand Masters have been invested with that power since Adam wore pinafores, or from some other remote period of antiquity. Comp. DADMAN, of Massachusetts, animadverted upon the action of Oregon quite as strongly as we did, and we could not believe that Comp. DRUMMOND was correct in his assertion until we had carefully examined the Constitutions of Maine and Massachusetts, when we discovered to our chagrin that he was correct. But now comes Comp. DRUMMOND and gravely informs us that we are in error "in assuming that giving the Grand Master the power to suspend, contemplates that he may exercise it without trial or notice." Here is a direct contradiction. In the Oregon case, no restriction is placed upon the Grand High Priest, and it was this autocratic power that we condemned. But Comp. DRUMMOND, with a benignant smile, informs us that Grand Masters in Maine and Massachusetts "have been invested with that power from time immemorial." Now he says, in effect, that the Grand Master has no such power. How are we to reconcile these two statements? Oh, Consistency! what gem of Golconda beams with such undimmed refulgence?

He further says: "He may put it down as a proposition having no exception, that in Maine a Mason cannot be deprived of *any* of his rights without notice and an opportunity to be heard." Neither can he in California; but, if the brother does not choose to avail himself of the opportunity given him, it is not the fault of the Lodge or Chapter if he finds himself without the pale of the Order. But, we are at a loss to reconcile the above "proposition having no exception," with the following clause in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, relative to the powers and duties of the Grand Master. "And for dereliction of duty, or *other unmasonic conduct*, he may suspend a brother or Lodge until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reason for such arrest or suspension, in writing." There is no restriction here, no saving clause. The Grand Master may, at any time, clap his extinguisher upon any brother who, from his stand point, may be derelict in duty or guilty of unmasonic conduct. What becomes of the "proposition without an exception" under this law? Oh! con—but, we forbear; the more we contemplate the antagonistic phases of the subject the more we are "*mulfathered*," which is French for "bothered intirely."

Comp. D., not satisfied with the comparative statistics of one year to show the relative loss by suspension for non-payment of dues, takes the records of eight years to show the large *percentage* against California; but our esteemed companion should carry his statistical researches a little farther, when he would find that during these same eight years one hundred and sixteen of our suspended have been restored, while only twenty-nine of Maine's black sheep returned to the fold. From the abstract of returns for the year 1832, now under review, we find that one hundred and sixty-five were suspended for non-payment of dues, while in California, for the same period, only twenty-nine were suspended for that cause, and seventeen were restored as against ten for Maine. Replenish the calumet again Comp. D, and let us both take a whiff.

The report is an exceptionally able one, even from the pen of its gifted writer, and there is very much we wish to notice and comment upon; but we have occupied so much space in striving to hold up our own end of the argument upon the questions at issue, that we must say good bye Comp. D. until August next, when we hope to "have it out" with you personally.

We extract, as usual, the valuable table of statistics which invariably accompanies the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine :

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,	809	17	8	24	0	0	16	16
Arkansas,	1,112	69	31	23	1	....	*20	35
California,	3,124	292	75	87	1	0	29	47
Canada,	3,480	204	39	88	0	....	*58	33
Colorado,	539	73	23	16	1	6	10	6
Connecticut,	3,924	175	11	18	2	0	30	66
Delaware,	331	25	1	6	1	....	10	5
District of Columbia,	1,095	60	18	18	0	0	31	19
Florida,	205	9	3	6	6	....	*6	4
Georgia,	1,345	44	17	31	0	....	*32	29
Illinois,	10,321	738	133	277	10	....	*186	106
Indiana,	4,397	207	39	126	7	10	120	58
Iowa,	4,796	475	115	140	4	....	68	44
Kansas,	1,831	247	56	73	1	....	*15	16
Kentucky,	2,769	178	56	100	0	....	*86	30
Louisiana,	926	36	20	14	0	14	29	29
Maine,	4,040	213	28	84	0	0	165	57
Maryland,	1,103	54	7	29	1	....	*62	11
Massachusetts,	9,132	410	....	147	0	34	13	95
Michigan,	7,594	417	109	178	3	5	124	86
Minnesota,	1,932	145	17	38	0	0	48	14
Mississippi,	1,509	61	25	26	0	1	55	28
Missouri,	4,000	363	91	124	0	4	111	57
Nebraska,	932	67	61	17	0	....	*11	9
Nevada,	412	29	15	27	0	0	5	5
New Hampshire,	2,220	68	81	26	0	0	6	38
New Jersey,	2,475	101	16	43	1	11	91	33
New York,	15,028	789	213	297	1	2	726	228
North Carolina,	867	32	4	7	0	1	13	8
Nova Scotia,	435	23	10	14	0	0	0	6
Ohio,	8,809	522	155	159	9	....	*196	89
Oregon,	572	62	6	8	0	1	7	3
Pennsylvania,	9,976	414	85	127	2	....	*251	110
Quebec,	348	35	0	6	0	0	0	1
Rhode Island,	1,634	26	....	....	....	....	....	12
South Carolina,	577	21	3	17	13	0	19	12
Tennessee,	2,385	110	46	71	3	33	69	19
Texas,	3,261	158	104	123	7	....	*47	76
Vermont,	1,952	74	8	24	0	....	*15	26
Virginia,	1,740	57	76	59	0	....	*28	18
West Virginia,	520	51	13	20	0	0	11	8
Wisconsin,	3,421	224	32	75	0	....	*40	38
General Grand Chapter,	679	49	18	20	1	1	0	3
	128,557	7424	1868	2818	75	123	2859	1623

* Including all suspensions.

There are forty-five subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 4,040.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore on the fourteenth day of November, 1882,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM F. COCHRAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE L. MCCAHAN being Grand Secretary. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and principally confined to local affairs. He says:—

“The year just closing has been a remarkable one in the history of our Grand Chapter, by reason of its uneventfulness. The relations existing between us and our sister Grand Chapters continue to be of the most agreeable character, while in our own family circle of subordinate Chapters, so harmonious has been the current of events, that no question has arisen calling for any action on the part of the Grand High Priest.”

Only one link in the fraternal chain which encircles this Grand Chapter had been sundered by death during the year. Fraternal notice is given of the death of *M. E.* COMPS. R. F. BOWEN, General Grand High Priest, and *M. E.* JAMES M. AUSTIN, Past General Grand High Priest, and mourning pages are inscribed to their memory.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter, and one Chapter under dispensation was chartered. The Grand High Priest has discharged his duty faithfully in the matter of visitation; having visited all the Chapters once, officially, and those located in the city of Baltimore received a double share of his attention. In Maryland they have a rule, (which ought to prevail in every jurisdiction), to the effect that no High Priest of a subordinate Chapter can be installed, unless he is “competent to confer the traditional work of all the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons;” and in order to establish his competency, he must pass an examination before a committee consisting of three Past or Present High Priests, appointed by the Grand High Priest, of which committee the Grand Lecturer is chairman; and the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, and at least one other member of the committee testifying to the competency of the High Priest elect, must be placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest prior to the installation of the newly elected officer.

We concur in the following decision:—

“At a regular Convocation, in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, a Chapter was opened by the Junior Past High Priest present.

“I decided that Section 42, Article III, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, authorized such action only in Chapters immediately subordinate to the General Grand Chapter.”

“While there is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Maryland touching upon the subject, yet it has been our custom, in the absence of special legislation by this Grand Chapter, to follow the practice obtaining in Symbolic Masonry in this jurisdiction, which requires the presence of at least one of the three principal officers to open a Lodge. I therefore held the Convocation referred to irregular, and the proceedings null and void.”

We join in the regret expressed in the following, and hope the day is not far distant when the General Grand Chapter will no longer be like a body without a soul, eating, drinking and making merry, while it makes laws which it has no power to execute:—

“I regret that the General Grand Chapter is so restricted in its powers, and has not the right to make mandatory legislation for the absolute government of the whole of the Royal Craft; and I am convinced that when that body resumes the power which it voluntarily laid aside, as I believe it must ultimately do, it will prove to be for the general good of the Craft in making a uniform legislation for all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States.”

He believes that Grand Representatives should be made useful, especially in the matter of communicating intelligence of interest to the Grand Chapters they represent, or be the medium of communication of similar information from such Grand

Chapters, to those to which they are accredited. He also recommends that the commissions of Representatives shall terminate with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest reports the condition of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction, to be highly satisfactory; all the Chapters are doing good work, and a healthy spirit of emulation exists.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$893.78. The sum of \$400 was appropriated to defray the expenses of the Grand Council to the Triennial Convocation, to be held in Denver, Colorado, in August next, with the proviso that no portion of said sum be paid to proxies.

The Committee on Grievances reported a total cessation of business in their department.

Companion E. T. SCHULTZ presented his seventh Report on Correspondence, which is characterized by his usual ability, suavity and courtesy. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. The proceedings of Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina and West Virginia, failed to reach him. California for 1883, receives fraternal notice. He quotes largely and approvingly from the address of M. E. Comp. ORME; says it is "good, sound advice," and commends it to the attention of his companions. He calls attention to the summary expulsion of FRANK D. TUNIS for contempt, upon which he says:—

"The Grand Chapter *summarily* expelled Companion FRANK D. TUNIS for 'disloyal acts of contempt' towards the Officers and the Grand Chapter. To this we call the attention of the many reporters who took us to task so severely a few years since, for venturing the opinion that 'summary expulsion' was sometimes justifiable; in this case we think it was eminently so."

In reviewing his report of last year, we stated that we agreed with him, that the Grand High Priest has all the power in Capitular Masonry that the Grand Master has in Symbolic Masonry, but that neither of them have any power not conferred upon them by the Constitution. Upon this Comp. SCHULTZ comments as follows:—

"If this be so, the Grand Master and Grand High Priest have no more powers than the chairman of a debating society, or the president of a political ward association. Concede this, and then declare that the actual presence of the charter is not necessary to form a Lodge; that an installed officer can resign; that bodies U. D. have all the rights of chartered bodies; that one who has not served as Warden, can be elected Master; that for the failure to pay a few dollars Lodge dues, a brother can be deprived of all the rights, benefits and privileges of Masonry; set aside these and a few more of the ancient regulations—then pray tell us wherein this ancient and time-honored institution of ours, differs from any of the modern societies?"

The presiding officer of any constitutional body, Masonic or otherwise, possesses no powers or prerogatives not granted to him by the Constitution under which he holds his office. "Before the day of written constitutions", Grand Masters enjoyed certain rights and prerogatives universally conceded to them by the Craft; but when written constitutions were adopted, the Grand Master was as firmly bound by their provisions as the humblest member of the fraternity. The Constitution clearly express his powers and duties, and beyond them he may not go. The doctrine of the divine right of Kings and Grand Masters has long since become obsolete in all civilized communities. In an absolute Monarchy, the power of the Sovereign is supreme; even life and death are in his hands; but when the form of government is changed from an absolute to a constitutional monarchy, the Sovereign as well as the subject is restrained within the bounds of constitutional provisions.

As to the actual presence of the charter as a pre-requisite to opening a Lodge, we believe it to be necessary; but that there are circumstances under which an installed officer can, and ought to resign, unless restrained by constitutional provision, we insist. As for bodies U. D., their powers are regulated by the Constitutions of

Chapter has expressly declared that Chapters U. D. have all the powers of chartered Chapters, except the right to install their officers and to be represented in Grand Chapters. The right to suspend a member for the non-payment of his dues, has long been recognized in many Grand Jurisdictions, yet Masonry, nevertheless, moves on in quiet dignity, stability and prosperity, unaffected and undisturbed. Never fear, Comp. SCHULTZ; the grand old structure of Masonry will never suffer damage from the few minor repairs necessary to its internal economy. He further says of us:—

“He is a strong advocate for the General Grand Council, and indulges the hope that all the jurisdictions may become its willing constituents. Well, perhaps his hopes may be realized, but we think that it is utterly impossible to keep up Grand Council organizations (except in mere name) in more than ten or twelve of the larger jurisdictions.”

Nous verrons.

We see much more in this excellent report that we would gladly notice, but time and want of space forbid.

There are twelve subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 1,132, being a gain of 19 during the year.

The *M. E.* CHARLES V. S. LEVY was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* GEORGE L. McCABAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Baltimore, on the thirteenth day of November, 1883.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The usual Quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held on March 8th, June 7th, and Sept. 13th, 1881.

At the Quarterly Convocation, held on June 7th, the death of Past Grand High Priest, HENRY CHICKERING, was announced, and a fraternal tribute paid his memory.

The eighty-first Annual Convocation was held in the city of Boston on the thirteenth day of December, 1881,—the *M. E.* THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ZEPH. H. THOMAS being Grand Secretary. Forty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented. The first day was devoted to the exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants. At the evening session the Grand High Priest, in place of the Annual Address, delivered a brief valedictory, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the memory of those whom death had taken from their midst. We extract the following in relation to President GARFIELD:—

“I should be derelict in my duty did I not also allude briefly to the death of one whom not only the Masonic brotherhood, but the whole civilized world, mourns as a dear brother snatched untimely from our midst. Comp. JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, wounded unto death by the bullet of an assassin, after weeks of excruciating torture, borne manfully and without complaining, died while yet advancing to the zenith of his fame. His soul is with God, and enshrined in that glorious Celestial Lodge, with that other illustrious brother who was ‘first in the hearts of his countrymen.’ Such was the sublimity of his death, that kings, princes, and potentates bowed the head in awe and reverence. May the example of his life and death lead us to emulate his brotherly, saintly, godlike career.

“‘He gave his honors to the world again,
His blessed part to heaven, and slept in peace.’”

Considerable business was transacted at the several Convocations, but, being entirely of a local character, is of no interest to the general reader. Turning from the dry statistics and reports of local officers, we emerge from the wilderness and behold invitingly spread before us a garden of delights in the Report on Correspondence, by *M. E.* Comp. JOHN W. DADMON. Here we have no milk for babes, but meat for strong men; and we sit down with avidity to the repast. Comp. DADMON prefaces his report with an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of President GARFIELD. He then proceeds to review, in a spirit of Christian charity and fraternal courtesy, the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters, California for 1881 included. In his notice of California, he makes short work of preliminaries, and

goes for our scalp with a vim which nearly takes our breath away. As he gives our remarks in full, we propose to extend to him the same courtesy.

The question at issue is a vexed one, and it would be well if some method could be devised whereby it could be permanently set at rest; and the course leading most certainly to that result, lies in a full and free discussion of the matter in all its bearings. So long as these discussions are divested of all rancor and bitterness, it is well; but it is dangerous ground, and none but the prudent and discreet should enter thereon. Doubtless the ideas of all who write upon this question are more or less colored by the particular practice in their own jurisdictions; this is natural, and we cannot expect the reviewer to divest himself suddenly of prejudices engendered by long and familiar associations. As for ourself, we claim no exemption from the prejudice alluded to; but, honestly believing that the position taken by us is the correct one, we are strongly imbued with the desire to make others believe as we do. We have converted some hardened sinners in our time, and we do not despair of bringing Comp. DADMON to the anxious seat yet: He says:—

"The fact that our venerable and worthy companion says: 'Our hair is white with the snows of many winters, but never, until lately, have we heard of the term 'suspension of membership,' leads us to make a brief rejoinder, although it is said 'the sin of ignorance should be winked at.'"

To this we answer, that to the "sin of ignorance" in this respect, we plead guilty; but, in extenuation, we will say, that it can hardly be expected of us to study carefully the constitutions and regulations of all the Grand Masonic Bodies of the United States, and the term "suspension from membership," which is equivalent to striking from the roll, was comparatively new to us. We do pretend, however, to understand our own constitutions and edicts, and memory, reverting to the not distant past, calls up the image of an esteemed companion of Massachusetts, who was ignorant of the fact that the Grand Lodge of that State invested the Grand Master with power to summarily suspend a brother during the interval of the Annual Communications; which "sin of ignorance" was conspicuously displayed in his criticism upon the action of the Grand Chapter of Oregon conferring similar powers upon the Grand High Priest, and which caused the genial countenance of Comp. DRUMMOND to expand into a broad and significant smile, which was peculiarly "child-like and bland."

"A Roland for your Oliver," Comp. D.

He further says:—

"We said the preamble was equivocal because it did not qualify the word 'suspended,' and now we are doubly convinced that we used a very mild term; for even Comp. CASWELL did not know that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts actually prohibits its subordinates from suspending their members from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for non-payment of dues, the highest penalty for that offense being forfeiture of membership. And this is no new thing, for it is as old as Masonry in this country.

"He says, however, 'There is but one meaning to suspension in California,' and that is 'suspension from all the rights, etc.:' and if that is the sense in which it is used in the preamble, it is worse than equivocal. Let us paraphrase the preamble, putting the explanatory words in italics:—

"WHEREAS, Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended from *all the rights and privileges of Masonry* in his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing in the same, with all its rights and privileges; and

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter desires to emphatically declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons; *that is, Masons suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry,* etc.

"Lodges in Massachusetts do not 'suspend members from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for non-payment of dues,' therefore our Grand Chapter has not so 'declared;' and not having so 'declared,' it does not thereby 'violate Masonic law and usage, and give countenance to suspended Masons.'

"And now we have a right to demand that Pennsylvania and California point out the 'several Grand Chapters in the United States' which have made such a 'decla-

ration,' or withdraw the imputation. Canada is not to the point on this accusation. We think the declaration of the preamble is an egregious blunder. We do not think that the Grand Chapter of California *intended* to make a false accusation against 'several of the Grand Chapters of the United States'; for it is evident that she was ignorant of the law and usage of 'several' of the oldest jurisdictions on this point, and of the fact that this 'law and usage' in Massachusetts, Maine, and some other jurisdictions, is the oldest in this country.

"He adds:—

"The more we reflect upon this matter, the more firmly are we convinced that our position is the right one; and we will continue to maintain it, even though the four D's, DADMUN, DRUMMOND, DERBY, and the — other D., continue to oppose it."

"We think the three D's, DADMUN, DRUMMOND and DERBY,—the other D.' has not yet been allowed to tamper with our time-honored Tyler's oath—can stand it on the old foundation of ancient Masonic law and usage, supported by an advantageous comparison of statistics with modernized jurisdictions.

"Comp. CASWELL will see that he does us great injustice when he says we would have companions 'suspended from all the rights of Masonry, received and welcomed into our Chapters in good standing.' We would have no such thing; and that is not and never has been the usage in Massachusetts.

"On jurisdictional rights, we have only space at this time to ask, Which should govern, the old usage or modern usage?

"He asks for light on 'discharged members.' With us, members who are delinquent in the payment of dues are notified to appear and pay their quarterages; and if they do not respond, they may be, by vote in Lodge or Chapter, 'discharged for non-payment of dues,' or 'suspended from membership.' That leaves them involuntary non-affiliated Masons. They may return, by vote of the Lodge or Chapter, on paying arrearages.

"We heartily reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed by Comp. CASWELL, notwithstanding our difference of opinion upon the foregoing subject.' We like a spirited, spicy, and yet genial controversialist, and such is our esteemed *compère* of California."

Comp. DADMUN says the preamble was equivocal because it did not *qualify* the word "suspended." We respectfully beg leave to differ with our esteemed companion in this view of the case. We insist that the word is clearly and distinctly qualified, and in support of our position we quote the exact text of the preamble; let every unprejudiced companion judge for himself.

"WHEREAS, Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion, suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for *non-payment of dues* is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing of the same, with all its rights and privileges; and

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter desires to emphatically declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the *M. E. C.* Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Now here is no equivocation; "suspended for *non-payment of dues*," is the term used; and we *did* know that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts prescribed only forfeiture of membership as the penalty for non-payment of dues, and we also knew that this was no "new thing," but was as old as the history of Masonry in that country; but what we did not know until lately was, that this deprivation of membership, or striking from the roll, was dignified by the term suspension. The meaning which we, in California, attach to the word suspension has no bearing upon the question at issue; which is simply: is a companion who has been suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues—no matter what the penalty attached to such suspension may be—in good standing in the Chapter? Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and others say yes, and therefore there is no false charge made in the preamble to the effect that "certain Grand Chapters of the United States," etc; and the construction which Comp. DADMUN seeks to put upon it by his "paraphrase," is altogether distorted and subversive of its meaning.

We have pointed out *some* of the Grand Chapters of the United States which have made the declaration alluded to in the preamble, viz.: "that a companion suspended by his Lodge *for non-payment of dues* is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing of the same, with all its rights and privileges." This is the only imputation we have made, and, knowing it to be true, we have nothing to withdraw. The Grand Chapter of California did not "intend to make a false accusation against any of the Grand Chapters of the United States," nor has it done so; neither is it so "ignorant" as the words of Comp. DADMUN would seem to imply. Its membership embraces companions of learning and intelligence from all quarters of the globe, and who are thoroughly conversant with the laws and usages of Masonry throughout the world; and because Maine and Massachusetts choose to retain some of the customs and usages of the dark ages, it is no reason why the "sons of light" should follow in their trail.

Comp. DADMUN will see, we trust, that he does us "great injustice" when he accuses us of charging that he would have companions "suspended from *all the rights of Masonry*, received and welcomed into our Chapters in good standing." We said no such thing; never thought it. The only difference between us, Comp. DADMUN, is simply this: Massachusetts and Maine declare that a companion who has been "suspended from membership," i. e. masonically kicked out of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, is "good enough Morgan" to sit and be invested with all the honors and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter. California and Pennsylvania say no; we want none of these Masonic excretions among us, neither will we have them; "so endeth the lesson."

Comp. DADMUN devotes a large portion of his report to the discussion of the questions of non-affiliation and non-payment of dues; but his arguments fail to convince us of the correctness of his views; we cannot divest our mind of the idea that every Mason should, while reaping the benefits of the fraternal connection, bear, if able, his just share of its burdens and responsibilities. His kindly personal allusions we reciprocate with many thanks.

In this jurisdiction there are sixty-eight Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 9,132.

The M. E. ALBERT C. SMITH was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ZEPH. H. THOMAS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

"Better late than never" is an old axiom; true in some instances only, for there are many troubles in life which would be better if neither early nor late; but among those we do not class the proceedings of Massachusetts, which came to hand at the last moment, causing our printer-man to indulge in several left-handed quotations from the Holy Writings, more forcible than polite. But the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has reached the venerable age of four score and two years and we suppose we must excuse a little dilatoriness in her movements.

The usual Quarterly and Special Convocations were held, but as only routine business was transacted we pass to the eighty-second Annual Convocation, which was held in the city of Boston on the twelfth day of December, 1832,—the M. E. ALFRED C. SMITH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ZEPH. H. THOMAS being Grand Secretary. Fifty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

After the Grand Chapter had been opened in Ample Form, the Grand High Priest called upon the Grand Lecturer, who, with his assistants, exemplified the work in all the degrees; after which, the Craft were called from labor to refreshment, and repairing to the banquet hall partook of the annual collation.

At the evening session, the M. E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, General Grand High Priest, was announced, and a committee appointed to wait upon the distinguished companion and escort him to the Sanctuary, where he was received by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest with the honors due to his exalted rank in the Order.

address of welcome and feelingly alluded to the sad event which had elevated him to that position.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of *R. E. WILLIAM W. BAKER*, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter, and an eloquent tribute to his memory was paid by the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Finance reported a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$2,564 20, and the total assets of the Grand Chapter as \$8,720 68.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, made appropriate and feeling allusion to the death of *M. E. Comp. ROBERT F. BOWEN*, General Grand High Priest, and other distinguished companions who had died during the year. He reported that he had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter. He strongly urged upon his companions the importance of providing and maintaining a Book of Marks, showing its value at the present time and its incalculable value to the generations of coming time. Of the importance of cultivating the social element, he says:—

"I would also earnestly urge upon all the importance of cultivating the social element of this institution. Open wide your doors and make the stranger Mason feel that the lines which divide your Chapters are only imaginary; and by your kind and courteous treatment so impress him with the value of our great Brotherhood that, having once found the way, he may often be seen within your sanctuary.

"I have no hesitation in saying that the social Chapter is the successful one. Hospitality should be governed at all times by prudence and discretion; but the small amount expended in order that the members may become well known to each other is certainly productive of more lasting results than a treasury which always opens to receive and seldom to impart."

We concur.

The following speaks well for the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the "Old Bay State," and we heartily congratulate our Massachusetts companions upon their prosperity:—

"Companions, let me congratulate you upon the present outlook of Capitular Masonry in the old Bay State. With a constituency of sixty-nine subordinate bodies, and a membership of nearly ten thousand Royal Arch Masons, with our finances in the best possible condition, with no division in our ranks, no jealousy or discord in our brotherhood, and with a full tide of prosperity flooding our beloved country, surely we have nothing whereof to complain, but everything for which to be grateful.

"Let every heart, then, beat high in common loyalty to our dear old Masonic Order throughout its whole circumference. Let us hope that the opening year may prove even more prosperous and blessed than the closing one. And let us all reverently trust that, as relentless time sweeps us away from the temporal places that now know us, we shall re-appear, and salute each other as brethren beneath that arch of eternity where the Supreme Master himself presides over the boundless assembly of immortals.

"The King of the Universe full in our sight,
We will bow and worship in the realms of the light;
Exempt from all evil, forever at rest,
Each one with his *Mark* on his brow and his breast!"

The following letter speaks for itself, and we consider the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts peculiarly fortunate in obtaining possession of so valuable a memento of the venerable and venerated Grand Secretary, who for so many years served his brethren and companions in Virginia with a zeal and fidelity that rendered his name a household word throughout the land.

*"Most Excellent Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:—*

"Shortly after the close of the Rebellion I was honored by the receipt, from friends in the South, of a bust of that distinguished Masonic celebrity, *Dr. JOHN DOVE*, of Richmond, Va. He was widely known in his native city for the possession of those sterling qualities of mind and soul whose existence makes the highest manhood. His bust has been in my family until the present time as a valued memento of one whose spirit has long since been released from its prison-house of clay.

"*Dr. DOVE* was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia in De-

a bust of one who has rendered such conspicuous services in the cause of Masonry and Knighthood should become the property of some corporate body rather than be subject to the vicissitudes of inheritance. I shall feel grateful, therefore, if the Grand Chapter will accept this memento, and make such disposition of it as shall be considered due and honorable to the memory of one who, in his life, was deemed not the least of Masonic lights.

"Fraternally,

"SAM'L W. CLIFFORD.

"On motion, it was

"Voted, That this Grand Chapter receive the bust as its custodian, and that the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to Comp. SAMUEL W. CLIFFORD for the same."

The Report on Correspondence is as usual from the genial pen of Comp. JOHN W. DADMUN, whose fame as a Masonic writer is too well established to need words of praise from us. The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters are reviewed in the kindly and pleasant manner characteristic of this true hearted Mason. For fourteen years he has indited the Reports on Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and during all that time we do not remember an unkind or angry retort from any of his brethren of the quill. Many of us differ with him in opinion, as all *great* men will differ upon controverted points, but kind, courteous and forbearing himself, his vigorous arguments are met in the same spirit by those who oppose his views. May he long live to wield the pen for Massachusetts, and, when his earthly labors are ended and he is called to the Celestial Grand Chapter, may he receive the assurance that he has not been suspended from membership, or barred out for non-payment of dues.

Of California for 1882, he says:

"M. E. HENRY S. ORMS opened the proceedings of this Grand Chapter with a finely written and able address, from which we take this bright and sparkling report: 'The condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the State, I am pleased to say, is more vigorous and healthy than at any time since the organization of this Grand Chapter.'

"Several decisions are recorded which agree with the usage in our own jurisdiction. One of them was amended by the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence took the ground—and the Grand Chapter sustained them—that it is unnecessary to ballot on an unfavorable report, taking the usage of the Grand Lodge for their criterion. The usage in all of the Grand Bodies of Massachusetts is the other way.

"Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL again calls the Grand Chapters and the reporters to an account for the deeds done here in the body. It is fortunate for some of us that he has no jurisdiction beyond this mundane sphere. Perhaps he is satisfied with beginning an exposé of our peccadilloes, and then turning us over to that 'other D.' He starts off by telling us that 'this is to be a lightning report,' and then away he goes in his 'lightning' train, with palace cars but no 'sleepers,' for the task must be performed when wide awake.

"He advocates the right of a High Priest to remove an appointed officer for cause, and says that is the practice in California. It is not so in Massachusetts. He thinks Iowa is wrong in requiring that 'to obtain the dignity of a Royal Arch Mason a brother's membership in the Blue Lodge must be continuous; good standing being, in his opinion, the only condition. In that we fully agree with him; and that is the old law and usage in Capitular Masonry. And for the information of some unsophisticated *young men*, like Companions PATTON, WARREN, and others, we will add that it has been the rule in the old Bay State for hard on to a 'hundred years.'

"He argues soundly in favor of the independence of Cryptic Masonry, and advises Iowa to keep cool.

"Massachusetts is kindly noticed. He compliments our 'team' by saying: 'We never yet knew a *good* preacher who was not a lover of good horses; and he thinks that the only serious brush we had in the race was with 'that old stager, non-affiliation;' but that we made a 'spurt, and won by a neck in 2.02, the best (æsthetic) time on record.' 'Æsthetic' is good, but please not include the *sunflower*.

"Comp. CASWELL must admit that the law and usage in California, as described by him in the following extract, are radically different from that practised in most jurisdictions; and yet we must say there is a great deal of brotherly kindness in the mode of restoration to Lodge and Chapter privileges after a brother has been suspended from *all Masonic rights*."

With reference to our idea that it is a Mason's duty, if he can pay dues to but one

"Is it in the Lodge where all the *real* duties of Masonry are performed? We think the duties of the Chapter or Commandery are just as 'real' as those of the Lodge, and that they are far from being 'less onerous,' and that the luxuries are fully as abundant in the basement as anywhere else in the building; and we will add that, in this country, Blue Masonry is greatly indebted to the Chapter and Commandery for its popularity and permanent prosperity. In the Anti-Masonic times, the old *Boston* Commandery was the nucleus in and around which the faithful assembled until the storm was over; it was the only body that really preserved its organization intact. We do not believe in decrying any of them. When a brother has plenty of money he can afford to support several homes, but when misfortune overtakes him, he is quite happy if he can retain but one."

Very true; but in making his selection he should choose the old home where he was born and reared and nurtured until he was strong enough to go higher, and which was the stepping-stone to the pinnacle of his ambition, upon whose dizzy height he can no longer financially sustain himself. The old home needs his contributions, needs them to provide for the wants of his brethren in distress; and not only needs his contributions, but needs *him* that he may aid in the labor of caring for those of his kindred who are sick and in affliction. If he has the means to do his duty to his fraternal household and at the same time enjoy the pleasure of foreign travel, well and good; if not, let him stick to the old roof-tree that has sheltered him in his Masonic childhood and youth, and never desert it for more pretending mansions where his greatest efforts are taxed to maintain his standing and dignity. "Is it in the Lodge that all the *real* duties of Masonry are performed?" We answer emphatically, yes; and we say further, without fear of successful contradiction, that the *real* interests of Masonry would suffer no detriment if we had neither Chapters nor Commanderies—as in olden times. The benefits which accrue or have accrued to "Blue Masonry" from Chapter or Commandery, are hard to be discovered; but, if there are any, these bodies have done no more than their duty; for upon "Blue Masonry" their very existence depends.

In relation to the powers and prerogatives of a Grand High Priest, Comp. DAD-MUN is in full accord with us; and in response to some references in our last report to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he says:—

"We thought we understood the limit of the powers of a Grand Master in Massachusetts, and think so still. The clause in our Constitution, 'And for the dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he may suspend a brother or a Lodge until the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge,' etc., applies to cases of contempt or rebellion against the constituted authorities; acts that are *continuous*—not *completed*—and which must be immediately rebuked to save the Fraternity from disgrace or a Lodge from utter ruin. A few years ago the Grand Master suspended the Master of one of our Lodges for gross intoxication. Before suspending him he exercised all his brotherly and official influence to save him, but the Master disregarded the instructions given him, and continued to get beastly drunk. Then, to save the Lodge from being broken up, the Grand Master suspended him. The Grand Master that then was is now the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and confirms the above interpretation of the law. The same rule governs in the Grand Chapter.

"Comp. CASWELL's reports are always able and eminently fraternal. We wish we had more space to devote to this review."

We recognize the right of a Grand Master to suspend a Master from his office; indeed, it is sometimes necessary that this should be promptly done, but no one man has the right to suspend a brother from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

We thank our esteemed companion for the compliment conveyed in his closing words, and we reciprocate the wish that we "had more space to devote to this review;" but, coming as it does at the eleventh hour, we are obliged to stop the press in order to place Massachusetts in her proper position. Why can't Grand Secretaries be more prompt?

There are sixty-nine subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 9,196.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Flint on the seventeenth day of January, 1882,—the *M. E.* CHARLES H. AXTELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES being Grand Secretary. Ninety-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that there is still confusion in this Grand Jurisdiction over the G. Omnic or R. A. W. I was in hopes that the exemplification given one year ago by Past Grand High Priest SAWYER and the explanation given by him and Past Grand High Priest McCURDY, which was accepted as the work of this Grand Chapter after the most thorough and exhaustive discussion, would be understood and accepted as such by every Chapter in this State, especially as the action of this Grand Chapter at that time was plainly in compliance with positive instructions received from General Grand Chapter, and therefore as plainly binding on this Grand Chapter, and equally binding upon every Royal Arch Mason in this State bearing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. But I regret to say that such is not the case, and therefore would recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter by which we may be enabled to bring order out of this confusion."

The committee to whom this portion of the address was referred, submitted a report, in which they call attention to the allegiance due the General Grand Chapter by Royal Arch Masons, individually and collectively, and conclude as follows:—

"Your committee find further (see page 31 of proceedings of 1881 of this Grand Chapter), that Past Grand High Priest S. H. NORRIS notified the members of this Grand Chapter one year ago 'that they would be required to conform to the esoteric work adopted by the General Grand Chapter at its last session held in Detroit in August, 1880.

"This was in accordance with a vote of this Grand Chapter at that time, after an animated and lengthy discussion upon the question at issue.

"In conclusion, permit us to add that, in view of the foregoing facts and other considerations not proper to be written, it would seem to your committee that there is no alternative for us except to enforce and carry out the above instructions of the General Grand Chapter so long as we maintain allegiance thereto."

The ritual of the General Grand Chapter *should* be such as could be adopted without hesitation by all the Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction; but many of the State Grand Chapters have better and more impressive rituals which have been used by them for years, and much trouble and expense has been incurred in teaching them and in securing uniformity. These jurisdictions are loath to abandon their time-honored work for one which is new to them, and object to any change. Grand Chapters refusing to adopt the ritual prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, may do so with impunity; for the General Grand Chapter possesses no power to coerce or discipline a State Grand Chapter.

We note the following decisions:—

"1. At a regular Convocation of our Chapter there were present eight members of the Chapter and one non-affiliate. The Chapter proceeded to ballot upon the petition of a candidate.

"Question—Was the action of the Chapter legal?

"Answer—No. (See Section 44, Article III, General Grand Constitution.) 'For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.'

"2. During the month of February last, I had some correspondence with the officers of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, touching the rights and prerogatives of the High Priest of a Chapter upon the question of recording the proceedings of the Chapter; and without entering upon the details of the case, will simply give the substance and the jurisprudence growing out of it, viz: At a regular Convocation of the Chapter a resolution was offered to appropriate a certain sum out of the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of procuring a Past High Priest's Jewel for the outgoing High Priest. The motion to adopt was lost. At the next regular Convocation the above action of the Chapter not appearing in the minutes, a motion was made to correct them accordingly, when the High Priest stated that he had instructed the Secretary not to record it.

"Question—1. Had the High Priest the right to instruct the Secretary to omit the above action of the Chapter?

"2. On a motion to so amend the records as to show the above action of the Chapter, had the High Priest the right to refuse to entertain said motion?"

"To the first point I answer as follows, viz: No. The fact that the corrections of the minutes when read is submitted to the Chapter for its approval, pre-supposes the right of the Chapter to decide upon that point; were it otherwise, our minutes would be worthless except to indicate the personal views and will of the High Priest.

"If the High Priest has this right, the converse is also true, and he would be equally authorized to order the Secretary to exclude a vote for a Jewel or anything else. If Chapters want to appear well in their records, it must appear through their actions—not by smothering them.

"To the second proposition I also answer: No. If the High Priest has no right to order the exclusion, which seems very clear, then he certainly had no right to refuse to have the records so corrected.

"3. We have two brothers who have taken the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees. One of them wishes to go to Leadville next month, and wants to take the Royal Arch degree before going.

"Question—Can we substitute a companion to make out the team?

"Answer—No. [See last clause Section 5, Article X, Grand Constitution].

"Question—Can a Chapter reconsider at their regular meeting, a resolution passed and recorded at the preceding meeting?

"Answer—Yes.

"4. Question—Is a member, suspended from a Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, suspended from the Chapter also? If so, what action is necessary to reinstate him?

"Answer—to first question: Yes. [See Section 61 Penal Code].

"To second question: As no other action was had or required by the Chapter except to notice and record the action of the Blue Lodge, in the first instance, so no further action is required in the second, except also to notice and record the final action of the Blue Lodge to restore him to membership.

"5. A companion of this Chapter removed from this jurisdiction some years since, asks for a dimit, in writing, being clear on the books. A companion objects to granting a dimit unless there can be written thereon, in substance, the following, to wit: 'But we do not recommend him to the fraternity.'

"Question—Have we the right to order such a change in our dimit?

"Answer—No.

"If a companion is not worthy of a recommend, he is not worthy to retain membership in your Chapter, and charges should be preferred.

"6. Question—Can we confer the degree of Royal Arch Mason on a one-armed man?

"Answer—You cannot. While we regret being compelled at times, on account of their misfortune, to reject good men, yet the rule is that the requirements of each degree are such that the candidate must be physically able to comply with them; hence it will readily appear to you that a one-armed man cannot comply with what is required of him in any degree, much less that of Royal Arch."

From the decision in case No. 3, we infer that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Michigan prohibits the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree. In cases of the kind cited, we think substitutes should be allowed; particularly as the General Grand Chapter has authorized their use; for unless allowed, great hardship is inflicted upon the unfortunate brother who cannot procure a "team" to drag him into the higher arcana of our mysteries. We object to the word "team" in this connection; "class," is by far the better word. The word "team," suggests the idea of mulishness, a quality not generally attributable to Royal Arch Masons; although the *patience of the ox* is recommended.

We cannot fully concur in decision No. 5. A "dimit," does not necessarily include a recommendatory certificate. The first is simply a certificate of withdrawal, which every companion whose dues are paid, and against whom no charges are pending, is entitled to demand. The second can only be obtained by a vote of the Chapter. A member may make himself so unpleasant and disagreeable in the Chapter as to cause his companions to decline to recommend him to others, and yet not make himself amenable to charges for unmasonic conduct; in which case, a certificate should be given him to the effect that, having paid all dues and demands against him, he had voluntarily withdrawn from the Chapter.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says:—

"The usual semi-annual list of suspensions and rejections has been published and distributed. This duty your Grand Secretary is perfectly willing to perform, but it has occurred to him that the object aimed to be attained by this action does not reach the end sought for. These reports are in many instances read and never again referred to, and I have yet to know of a solitary case where they have been used to ascertain the standing of a companion upon his application for admittance to a subordinate Chapter. And, indeed, many new Secretaries know of no use for them in and about the Temple, and they are thrown over among the rubbish as a 'what is it?' of the Grand Secretary."

With us, these reports of the Grand Secretary are transcribed into a book prepared for that purpose. This book forms a perfect record of the suspensions, expulsions and restorations, with names and dates in their respective columns; this record made, the "what is it" of the Grand Secretary is filed in the archives for future reference and comparison.

An invitation to the Grand Chapter to visit the "Michigan Institute for the Deaf and Dumb," was respectfully declined on account of press of business.

The Committee on Grievances reported the significant line: "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." One new Chapter was granted a charter.

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the treasury of \$5,963.36. Comp. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, whilom reporter for the Grand Chapter, in which position he established an enviable reputation as a Masonic writer, was created an honorary member in recognition of his long and faithful services. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were thanked for their zeal and efficiency in the discharge of their respective duties, and the thirty-third Annual Convocation took its place among the "things that were."

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by the Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, and, although not quite equal in length to the last, is fully up to the standard in quality. He gives an interesting *résumé* of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, putting a little more *Innes* than usual into the composition, and covering one hundred and twenty-two pages of the annual. In his review of California for 1881, he extracts liberally from the proceedings, and nearly paralyzed us by the following:—

"Grand Secretary Comp. CASWELL, *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report of the doings of thirty-eight sister Grand Jurisdictions, including the General Grand Chapter. The review covers one hundred and twenty-four pages of fine print, and is courteous and kind, exhaustive and instructive, and a report that takes high rank; indeed, we would say, first rank among the reviews of the year."

Thanks, Comp. INNES; we owe you one, and verily we will discharge the debt in due season.

Under the head of Maine, Comp. INNES thus alludes to the action of the General Grand Chapter in the case of Texas:—

"The fact of it is, our beloved companions, on this whole matter, tried to 'carry water on both shoulders.' The action of the General Grand Chapter was a decided 'slap in the face' to Comp. FRIZZELL. He recommended in his Address that all intercourse be interdicted between sister Grand Bodies and Texas until she returned to her allegiance to the Body that gave her existence. But in that Comp. FRIZZELL was not sustained, and the whole matter 'kinder' laid over.

"Oh, for a General Grand Chapter possessed of some power, or the doing away with it entirely. We are tired of paying tribute to sustain a body that has not dignity enough to sustain itself."

The position occupied by the General Grand Chapter is certainly not a dignified or imposing one; and, while we believe that the triennial reunion of distinguished companions from every quarter of the Republic, is in many ways beneficial to the Order, yet the spectacle of a Grand Body, enacting laws it has no power to execute, is calculated to excite feelings closely allied to contempt.

There are one hundred Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of several, if not more; but as the columns of the "abstract of returns" are not

The *M. E.* WILLIAM S. TURCK was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Jackson on the sixth day of February, 1882,—the *M. E.* FREDERICK SPEED, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. L. POWELL being Grand Secretary. Forty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an able and eloquent Address, from which we extract the following :—

“ Singularly appropriate have been the solemn ceremonies with which we have endeavored to sanctify the commencement of the labors of this, the thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, for we, too, like Solomon and Zerubbable, of old, are engaged in the construction of a mighty fabric—a temple pure and spotless; a temple whose site is not Mount Moriah, but our hearts; whose materials are not stone and mortar, but virtues and duties; whose cement is brotherly love, and in whose sanctuary, we trust, the Ancient of Days resides, not in any typical form, hovering over the Ark of the Covenant and between the extended wings of the Cherubim, as in the temple of Solomon, but in His ever-loving and sanctifying presence, as God is said to dwell in the heart of every good man. To keep this temple pure and spotless, fit for the dwelling place of Him who is the author of purity, where the great I Am may be worshiped in spirit and in truth, and whence every evil thought and unruly passion are to be banished, as the sinner and the Gentile were excluded from the inner courts of the temples at Jerusalem, is the object of all Masonic labor. It is, then, very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Him who alone is able to keep our feet from stumbling as we travel the rough and rugged paths of life, and who is the only sure Guide to bring the blind by a way they know not, and who will not forsake them.”

His official acts were few and of local interest only. He recommended that the General Grand Chapter be petitioned to change the law so as to permit a member of a Chapter to become a petitioner for a dispensation for a new Chapter without obtaining a dimit. This recommendation, we think, was unwisely adopted by the Grand Chapter. The lending of names to a petition for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, is an incentive to the creation of such bodies where there is no real necessity for their establishment, where the question of their sustenance is problematical, and where the real motive is to be found in the ambition of a few companions to acquire the dignity of official position. Hundreds of such Chapters have been formed, dragged out a lingering existence of a few months or perhaps years, and then died of inanition. The rule requiring every signer to a petition for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, to file with the Grand Secretary his dimit from the Chapter of which he was last a member, is a good one. It is an evidence that the new body gives promise of stability, for members of successful Chapters will hardly relinquish their membership in such to unite in forming a new body, unless the continued existence and prosperity of the latter are reasonably well assured; while there are plenty of companions who would good naturedly sign a petition for a dispensation, as a personal favor to some friend, when their own membership will not be affected thereby. Should it be desirable to form a new Chapter in a locality where there is not a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, let the requisite number of Master Masons, who desire to join said Chapter apply to the nearest Chapter for the degrees, and having obtained them, dimit and join in the petition for a dispensation. This course would show that the petitioners meant business, and the new Chapter had some prospect of success. The reports of our contemporaries are burdened with lists of Chapters whose charters have been forfeited, surrendered or revoked, the effect, in most cases, of the injudicious and imprudent haste with which such charters have been granted.

The following has the ring of common sense :—

“ Our present system of supervising our subordinates and in imparting to them

turer visits such Chapters as desire instruction in the ritual, and this only when he is sent for and arrangements are made for his compensation. The consequence is, the whole matter is in the hands of the Chapters themselves, and many of them have not received an official visitation from any one in authority over them in many years. It is not so much mere instruction in the ritual which is needed; indeed, I regard that as of secondary importance. A man of the business tact and ability of our Grand Secretary, without any particular knowledge of the ritual, would accomplish incalculably more good by an examination of the records and methods of transacting business and caring for the finances of a Chapter, than a score of accomplished ritualists, who devote their efforts only to a propagation of the work could; for, I take it, no Chapter which is fully up to the requirements in other respects would be likely to go very far astray in the matter of the work. Strict uniformity of work is a utopian dream, and notwithstanding the most strenuous exertions, never has been and never will be realized, while substantial uniformity accomplishes every desirable purpose. I am the more fully impressed with this conviction, by the fact that although less than a century has passed since the American Royal Arch work was substantially manufactured out of whole cloth, and every effort has been made by the General Grand Chapter to secure uniformity; there is a divergence from the standard in almost every jurisdiction. I believe if there were less time spent in attempting to secure exactitude in ritual, and more given to procuring uniformity in methods of conducting business and in the care and disposition of the funds of Chapters, a perceptible improvement would result. But, if we are still to continue "jogging along in the same old rut," I suggest that some arrangement be entered into with the Grand Lodge, whereby the same person should hold the office of Grand Lecturer in both bodies, each contributing its proportion of salary and expenses, and that the Grand Lecturer devote his entire time to the work, visiting each Lodge and Chapter and remaining with them until the work and lectures are fully acquired."

He strongly recommends the GARFIELD National Masonic Memorial Association, the object of which is "to erect, in the city of Washington, an Industrial Home for the orphan children of the Master Masons of the United States." The proposition is that a contribution of one dollar shall be made by every Mason in the United States, to be appropriated to the erection of this memorial. While we would be the last to offer opposition to any charitable work, we cannot but feel that a great National institution of the character proposed, would be impracticable, injudicious and unsuccessful. When the bullet of the assassin had accomplished its fatal work, and Comp. JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, President of the United States, surrendered the life which had become so dear to this people, the great heart of the nation, for a time paralyzed with grief when the first shock had passed, sought every possible outlet for the expression of its horror of the deed, its reverence for the memory of the illustrious dead, and its sympathy for the bereaved wife, mother and children of the martyred head of the Republic. This expression took the form of monuments, churches, schools and hospitals, to which the name of GARFIELD was to be attached. This was natural and laudable, and during the fervency of the desire to perpetuate the memory of our beloved brother and companion, this project of a National Industrial Home for the orphans of Masons was devised. Doubtless the idea was prompted by feelings of patriotism, benevolence and charity; but we believe the amount such an institution would cost would be far better expended in local charities. Each jurisdiction takes a pride in caring for its own widows and orphans, its sick and distressed, and, while we believe that the Masonic fraternity would do anything in reason to honor the memory of GARFIELD, yet we think they would hesitate to assist in establishing an institution designed to take from their care and protection those for whose relief to contribute is a labor of love.

In the Report of the Grand Secretary we find eight Chapters noted as either dead or dormant.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of \$295 62 in the treasury.

We are greatly pleased to see the following coming from the jurisdiction where the "merger" question originated. It shows that the heaven is working, and soon we trust the "whole lump" will be permeated. Comp. P. M. SAVERY submitted the following:—

"To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi:—

"The undersigned Past High Priests and Representatives of sundry subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, respectfully request the adoption of the following:—

"Resolved, That the resolutions and edicts of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, relative to the merger of Cryptic and Capitular Degrees, be and the same are hereby repealed.

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recommend to the dormant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, to again resume its functions and powers."

A motion to lay on the table was declared to be unmasonic, and therefore out of order, and the matter was referred to a special committee of seven, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

A charter was granted to one new Chapter without the intervention of a dispensation.

Comp. P. M. SAVERY again comes to the front with a Report on Correspondence, which, although somewhat brief, is well prepared and interesting. The proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters are reviewed in a courteous and fraternal spirit. California for 1881, receives due notice, and our sermon on profanity is quoted in full.

In conclusion, Comp. SAVERY says:—

"From an inspection of the proceedings stated above, we think we find sufficient to say to the Craft of Mississippi: Cryptic Masonry is not dead, nor have but few desired to adopt the Mississippi plan. The General Grand Council is now a fixed fact—a permanent institution—and its effects for good will be felt all over the land. And now, as an individual companion and not claiming to assert the opinions of others of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, I say, with all my heart, God bless and prosper the General Grand Council in its high, fraternal and holy work."

This is a *Savory morsel* to us, and we hope in our next report to be able to chronicle the fact that Mississippi has become a constituent of the General Grand Council.

There are fifty-four chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, but only forty-six made their returns at this Convocation. The total membership, including Chapters not reporting, is 1,509.

The M. E. WILLIAM RICHARDS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of St. Louis, on the fourth day of May, 1882,—the R. E. ERWIN ELLIS, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Secretary. Sixty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the acting Grand High Priest opens with the sad announcement of the death of M. E. SAMUEL H. OWENS, Grand High Priest, who departed this life on the twenty-second day of February, 1882. A fine steel engraved portrait of the deceased companion forms the frontispiece to the proceedings, and loving tributes are paid to his memory.

Two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted, and the charters of two were arrested for failing for several years to make returns or pay dues.

We note the following decisions, in which we concur:—

"Question—Is it necessary that the dimitts should accompany the petition for a new Chapter of the companions who belong to Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions?"

"Answer—Yes."

"Question—There is a brother in our jurisdiction who petitioned for the degrees in a Chapter in Ohio, paid the fee in full and received the M. M. degree. He then moved to Missouri. He now desires to receive the remaining degrees of the Chapter. Can we confer the remaining degrees on him, and can we do so for a less sum than \$30?"

"Answer—The Chapter which received his petition and elected him to receive the degrees of the Chapter, and conferred the M. M. degree upon him, acquires juris-

diction over him, and the Chapter cannot be deprived of it by any act of his, or another Chapter.

"If the candidate then removes from within its jurisdiction, the Chapter may request the one in whose jurisdiction he may reside to confer the remaining degrees on him for the Chapter that had original jurisdiction; he will then be a member of the Chapter in Ohio.

"Or the brother can procure from the Chapter which has jurisdiction over him, a certificate under the seal of the Chapter, certifying the fact of his having been elected, and having received the M. M. degree; and, further, that they waive all jurisdiction over him. He can then petition the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides. Which petition, (accompanied by the certificate), must lie over one month, and, if elected, the Chapter can then confer the remaining degrees on him, he paying the fee required by the By-Laws of the Chapter for the degrees conferred, in which case he becomes a member of the Chapter conferring the degrees."

He reports that the Craft in that jurisdiction is generally prosperous, and that peace and harmony prevail. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on the healthy side of the ledger of \$4,435.81.

The Committee on Grievances report a case which, at least, possesses the merit of novelty. The case came up on appeal from the action of a subordinate Chapter expelling a Past Master Mason. The complaint charges the brother:—

1st. "With making an attack on the person of a Comp. Royal Arch Mason, in the nature of an assault and battery, in violation of his obligation as a Master Mason."

2d. "That he has brought the ancient and honorable Order of Masonry into obloquy and disrepute in his business, in that he has endeavored to swindle and defraud his creditors."

3d. "That he has committed willful perjury in a Court of Record in the State of Missouri, and *stultified himself*, to the dishonor of himself and the discredit of Masonry."

"The next regular meeting of the Chapter was set for the trial, when the record shows the following proceedings:—

"The Chapter having been regularly opened and other business transacted, labor was dispensed with in the R. A. degree and a Lodge of Past Masters opened. The Lodge then proceeded to the trial of the charges of gross unmasonic conduct preferred against Bro. NATHAN O. TABOR, at the regular meeting held January 8th, 1881. The Lodge was then called off for the purpose of admitting Master Masons as witnesses.

"The charges and specifications were read, evidence was heard in all three of the specifications, when labor was dispensed with in the P. M. degree and resumed in the R. A. degree.

"The vote was then taken on specification No. 1. As to what was done with specifications No. 2 and 3, the record does not show. The brother was declared 'guilty,' and the question then being put, 'Shall Bro. TABOR be expelled?' the ballot resulted in his expulsion, and he was declared expelled."

The committee, after animadverting upon the vague and indefinite character of the specifications, the irregular and illegal nature of the proceedings, and the undue severity of the penalty, sustained the appeal, ordered amended specifications to be prepared, and the case remanded for a new trial.

In answer to a question, the committee responded:—

"In the opinion of your committee, a Chapter being open on the R. A. degree, may dispense with labor in that degree and open regularly on an inferior degree for work or the transaction of other business proper to be transacted therein, and after doing the work and transacting such business, close the same with appropriate ceremonies, and then resume in the R. A. degree."

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall prepare, and cause to be printed, his report, ready for distribution at least ten days before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and shall cause a copy thereof to be sent to each member of the Grand Chapter, not a representative from a subordinate Chapter, and one copy to each subordinate Chapter; and such report shall be subject to amendment by the Grand Chapter before being printed with the proceedings."

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Secretary, is condensed into thirty-nine pages. We remember that the lamented GOULEY once essayed a condensed report; but the "dressing down" he received from his confrères of the quill, cured him of all future attempts at condensation. We would not give a fig for a report which simply chronicles cold facts without note or comment. In this instance, Florida is dismissed with three lines, Georgia with four words, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island have four lines each, Virginia is disposed of in seven words, Vermont in three lines, etc. etc. California is especially favored with two pages; this we consider a high compliment, and we cannot find it in our heart to be so severe upon Comp. MAYO as we should have been, but for this special mark of his favor; particularly when he pays us such compliments as the following:—

"The Report on Correspondence is the most significant part of the pamphlet, as it covers 124 pages of closely printed matter, and is a well prepared and able paper. Comp. CASWELL ranks A 1 in the corps."

He quits us with a characteristic growl at the arrangement of our report in the proceedings, which slips from our pachydermatic cuticle like water from a duck's back. We give a portion of Comp. MAYO's conclusion, and hold him rigorously to a compliance with the last clause:—

"Well, we have arrived at that desired place, the conclusion of our third report to the Royal Craft. We have made a bold attempt to follow instructions to make it short, and have succeeded in that respect beyond our expectations, but we have ignominiously failed to satisfy ourself with this report, because we have failed to note *en passant* many things that we individually thought should have been, but feared they were not of sufficient general importance to occupy our space; and then again, there was quite a number of times that we felt very much like pitching into certain deliverances, ruling, legislation, etc., but did not, knowing that it would only be the individual views of one person. We have abbreviated, and saved much space by simply giving what we considered extracts of general interest to our readers, and, in most cases, no comment whatever, allowing our readers to draw their own conclusions and do their own criticising; once in a while, however, we have let slip a short criticism, almost without knowing or intending it. If we can only inveigle our associates, who are good, safe, sound thinkers and good writers, into joining forces with us, we will risk more comments and criticism next year than we have at any time yet ventured to do."

There are eighty-seven subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 4,000.

The M. E. ERWIN ELLIS was elected Grand High Priest, and the K. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Plattsmouth on the nineteenth day of December, 1882,—the R. E. WILLIAM H. MUNGAR, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN being Grand Secretary. Fourteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, having been appointed Judge of a District Court, was prevented by judicial duties from attending the Convocation, and his regrets were expressed in a letter to the Grand Chapter. His Address was read by the Grand Secretary, and is principally confined to a recital of his official acts and matters of local interest. His visits to the subordinate Chapters appear to have been made the occasions of feasting and good cheer, as well as of instruction and inspection. He had granted a few special dispensations for the installation of officers, but to urgent requests for dispensations to confer the degrees upon brethren who had not served the prescribed probation as Master Masous he gave a prompt denial. In all such cases he was "deaf to the voice of the charmer," and deserves credit for his firmness. There is too much elasticity of the spinal column in the average Grand High Priest in such cases. He recommends that a fee be charged for the issue of each special dispensation in order to check the demand for them. A good idea.

He reports a rather singular case, which has assumed a somewhat grave aspect and may possibly cause some difficulty. A member of a subordinate Chapter in Nebraska removes to Colorado, and is accepted as a charter member of a new Chapter in the latter State, formed by the authority of the General Grand Chapter. In the meantime the companion is expelled by the Nebraska Chapter, for what cause is not stated; but that is immaterial; he was expelled, and now is presented the singular anomaly of an expelled Royal Arch Mason sitting in good standing in a Chapter under another jurisdiction. Such a ridiculous blunder could never have occurred had the rule adopted by our Grand Chapter been followed, viz.: to require every companion signing a dispensation for a new charter to file with the Grand Secretary his dimitt from the Chapter of which he was last a member. The officers of the General Grand Chapter are the only ones to blame in the case cited, for they could not have received the companion in question as a charter member of their new Chapter had they complied with the laws of that body which provides that: "No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction until he shall have procured a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, was dismissed and recommended—unless such Chapter had ceased to exist." An opportunity is now offered for the General Grand Officers to rise and explain.

The Grand High Priest recommends that as little legislation as possible be had, in order that the prevailing harmony be not disturbed. A wise suggestion which the Grand Chapter had the good sense to act upon. The only decisions reported are as follows:—

"1st. Nothing in our rules or custom prohibits the R. E. Grand King during his term of office as such, from being installed and presiding as High Priest of his Chapter.

"2d. The High Priest elect of a particular Chapter can only be installed in the presence of the Chapter over which he is elected to preside.

"3d. Ordinarily a petition for the degrees conferred in a Chapter, when once presented, cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner; but if, after such petition has been presented and referred to a committee, the Chapter or the High Priest of the same learns that the applicant resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, whose consent or waiver of jurisdiction has not or cannot be obtained, such petitioner should be allowed to withdraw his petition before it is acted on.

"4th. A petitioner is within the jurisdiction of the Chapter nearest his residence in the direction of a straight line."

No. 2 may be good law in Nebraska, but it would hardly pass muster in Massachusetts, where special Convocations of the Grand Chapter are held, and the officers of subordinate Chapters are installed in bulk.

The resolution offered at the last Annual Convocation, "That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that it is not proper for the Chapters of this jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master," was indefinitely postponed. We predict that, at the next Annual Convocation, that resolution will pass by a good majority. Nebraska cannot afford to stand isolated in this matter, and she is pretty nearly in that condition now.

The Grand Secretary made an excellent report in which several good and prudent suggestions were made, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter. An appropriation was made for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial to be presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, and he was congratulated upon his preferment to judicial honors.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. EDWARD F. WARREN is an able paper, and reflects great credit on its talented author. His review comprises all the Grand Chapters except Florida, Rhode Island and West Virginia, and whoever peruses it will receive ample remuneration for his pains. His able argument upon the effect of "suspension from membership," in answer to Comps. DADGON, DRUMMOND and others, so thoroughly accords with our own views and is so complete and exhaustive

that we give it entire for the benefit of the companions in this jurisdiction who have followed the course of this discussion in the various Reports on Correspondence:—

"In discussing the question whether Pennsylvania, Nebraska and California, are right in requiring visiting companions to declare, among other things, that they have not been 'suspended from membership' in Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues, our opponents, notably Companions DRUMMOND and DADMUN, complain that we will not recognize the distinction between 'suspension from membership' and 'suspension,' without qualification; and we are informed that for a hundred years and more this distinction has existed in Maine and Massachusetts, and a well established difference in the standing of those thus suspended has long been recognized in those jurisdictions where the practice is in vogue. It is true that some of those who condemn the distinction as vicious, ignore it entirely, and insist that there is and can be no suspension without it is from all the rights of Masonry, and this perverseness makes our eastern *confrères* impatient and disposed to call names.

"As for ourself, we have always recognized that there may be the same difference in practice that there is in theory between the two kinds of suspension. We admit that there is a difference, and that by such distinction it is intended to inflict a greater or less punishment, according to the offense; that non-payment of dues is deemed a trivial matter, and accordingly punished with the lightest of penalties,—that of suspension from membership,—which, according to DRUMMOND and DADMUN, merely unaffiliates him and leaves him in *good standing*. Or, as it is sometimes stated, it leaves him 'with all his general rights unimpaired,' but deprived of all Lodge rights and privileges. We do not quarrel with their practice, but when they insist that their members who are 'suspended from membership' are in good standing, and hence have the right to visit our Chapters, as have all Masons in good standing, we dissent.

"That non-payment of dues is considered a *Masonic offense* is now admitted by everyone, both in Maine and elsewhere. The 'punishment' therefor can be inflicted only upon the judgment of the Lodge after trial. Companion DRUMMOND said, in 1880:—

"... Depriving a member of membership makes him an unaffiliated Mason, *except that he cannot join another Lodge until he pays his dues to his old one*. It may be that under our laws non-payment of dues is not a *Masonic offense*; still, as it involves a *loss of rights by the judgment of a Lodge*, it comes pretty near being an offense."

"Those were Companion DRUMMOND's opinions in 1880. Companions DADMUN, SCHULTZ, ROBERTSON and every other reviewer who has discussed the question, has admitted, as of course, that non-payment of dues is a *Masonic offense*; not one denies it, or attempts to gainsay it; nor does any of them deny that the infliction of the sentence is a 'punishment' or 'penalty' for the offense. And indeed that is the logical and consistent view to take of it, because there can be no 'punishment' imposed without a violation of the law; no man is *guilty* of an 'offense' unless he is worthy of some punishment.

"To be sure, DRUMMOND, seeing where his former admissions would lead him, and foreseeing complete defeat upon that battle-ground, in 1882 attempts to change his position, and he recants as follows. He says to us:—

"... Now as to the law in Maine in relation to non-payment of dues, as it has stood for over one hundred years. The theory of Lodge membership was, that it *was* a contract between the Lodge and the member, and nothing more. The payment of dues entitled the party to the privilege of membership in the Lodge, and upon his ceasing to pay, the Lodge was entitled to deprive him of membership. The law did not hold that the non-performance of a contract was a criminal offense, any more than the civil law does now. For many years the Secretary used to strike the names of *delinquents* from the roll, of his own motion."

"It is true that the non-performance of a contract is not considered a criminal offense at the civil law, neither at the civil law does it subject a man to a trial in the criminal courts, with the result of a *loss of rights* in case of 'conviction.' Hence that conduct which does result in such a judgment cannot be considered a mere breach of contract. And Companion DRUMMOND will also please note this fact, that we have no civil Masonic courts wherein *contract* rights are adjudicated, but only criminal courts wherein members are arraigned for violations of or neglect of duty, upon conviction whereof the offender is *punished*.

"We have it demonstrated, then, as well as conceded, that non-payment of dues is a *Masonic offense*, and that it is *punished* in all jurisdictions with greater or less severity; in some by a suspension from *membership* in his Lodge, and in others by suspension from all the rights of Masonry; but it is entirely immaterial *what* the punishment is; we are concerned only with the fact that there is *some* punishment or disability inflicted, and its consequent effect upon his Masonic standing.

"Last year we advanced two postulates, which we insert here again and reaffirm:—
"1. Every Mason in *good standing* is upon an absolute equality with every other as to the number and extent of his Masonic rights.

"2. A Mason "suspended from membership" is deprived of one or more of his Masonic rights.

"From which we deduce:—

"3. Since the whole is greater than any number less than all of the parts, one suspended from membership is not in good standing.

"These propositions have been assailed by both Companions DADMUN and DRUMMOND. The latter says:—

"Assuming that the first proposition is correct, we say with equal truth:—

"2. An *unaffiliated* Mason is deprived of one or more of his Masonic rights.

"3. Hence an *unaffiliated* Mason is not and *cannot be* in good standing.

"But we have already seen that he holds that *unaffiliated* Masons are in good standing."

"And Companion DADMUN writes as follows of the first postulate:—

"That cannot be true in the light of good Masonic law and usage. One Mason may not be a member of any Lodge and still be in as good standing as another who is a member, and yet we all know that they are not on "an absolute equality as to the number and extent of their Masonic rights." For example: A voluntary non-affiliate in New York and Nebraska is in good standing for twelve months, and in Massachusetts for an indefinite length of time; but in either State he does not have the "number of his Masonic rights" which an affiliated Mason has—understanding him to include Lodge rights in Masonic rights."

"Upon the second postulate he argues:—

"This is also faulty. Which rights? *General* rights acquired by initiation? or *local* rights acquired by affiliation? Suspension or discharge from membership in Massachusetts deprives a Mason of his *Lodge* rights only, not one of his *general* rights being taken from him; and he cannot be deprived of all his Masonic rights only on conviction of Masonic crime. Non-payment of dues is not a Masonic crime, according to ancient Masonic usage."

"Both our esteemed contemporaries, in discussing the first postulate, confound Masonic *rights* with Masonic *privileges*. A wide distinction exists between them. A Mason may deprive himself of the latter; he cannot of the former. He can lose the latter by his own voluntary act, without infringing upon his obligations, without violating any rule or regulation or By-Law of his Lodge or of Masonry. He can lose them by non-action, and remain innocent of wrong. But he cannot be deprived of his *rights* without trial and conviction. There must be first a willful refusal to obey the law, a finding by the court that he was able to perform, and the judgment of 'guilty.' As the result of that judgment he is deprived, in spite of himself, of some or all, as the case may be, of his Masonic rights. What does the candidate, knocking at the door of the Lodge, desire, and what is granted to him? He asks for a part of the *rights, light and benefits* of the Lodge—nothing said about privileges; and he can be lawfully deprived of any portion of either only by the judgment of his peers. One suspended from membership, or deprived of or discharged from membership, is curtailed in his enjoyment of both the rights, light and benefits, if indeed he is not altogether deprived of or suspended therefrom."

"So we reiterate our first postulate; it is impregnable. Be candid and fair, and you will see a much plainer distinction between privileges and rights than there is between suspension from membership and suspension *pur et simple*.

"In commenting upon the second postulate, Companion DADMUN inquires whether we mean that the delinquent is deprived of his '*general*' or '*local*' rights. It is immaterial to us which; *take either* you choose; the fact exists that he is deprived of the one or the other, and that is sufficient for us, because, not being on an equality with those who have both local and general rights intact, he is not on an equal standing—not in *good standing*. Companion DADMUN seems to make a distinction, or to raise the distinction, between Masonic *crimes* (acts involving moral turpitude) and Masonic *misdeameanors* (acts in violation of a By-Law or some regulation). This distinction sometimes shades off into the imperceptible. For instance: In Nebraska no man is guilty of grand larceny unless the value of the articles stolen equals or exceeds \$35. It is a felony, and we send one adjudged guilty of that to the 'pen,' while one who commits petit larceny is incarcerated in the county jail; it is a misdemeanor. But what advantage in a *moral* point of view has one who steals goods of the value of \$34.95 over him whose peculations include \$35.05? One is a "felon;" the other not; but both are *punished*, and neither is in *good standing*.

"Companion DADMUN continues:—

"Having fully defined the "*status* of one under discipline," we remark: that in arguing the *effect*, we think it perfectly logical to introduce the collateral bearing of the *propriety* of it; or, if you please, the "fitness of things." An *unjust* penalty, we claim is clearly an unmasonic penalty, and should be discarded."

"Does he mean *disregarded*? That is dangerous doctrine, and that notion will sometime return to plague the inventor. Upon that point he stands alone. He says every jurisdiction can examine for itself and determine whether the penalty inflicted is unjust; if so, it may be *discarded*. No Masonic jurist holds such an opinion ex-

cept Companion DADMUN; even DRUMMOND is not so radical as that. That is the most startling proposition 'modern' Masonry has propounded. After having assisted us in silencing Companion ROBERTSON, and fairly forcing the Grand Chapter of Canada to abandon its 'heresy,' lo! we find Companion DADMUN asserting it in its most vicious, dangerous and offensive form. Moreover, he is utterly inconsistent; he is 'too too' on that. He declares that we must accept the *status* given the Mason at home unquestioningly, but at the very threshold he declares that he will exercise his right of judgment and review the justness of our sentences, and if we declare the offender guilty, he may declare him innocent of blame; but when they adjudge him guilty, and then proceed to declare him without fault, that we must accept both statements and receive him as in good standing.

"We ground our position upon this proposition: No Lodge or Grand Lodge has power to declare any Mason upon whom it has passed sentence of disqualification to be blameless or in good standing.

"To do so would be inconsistent and contradictory; would be both a subversion and perversion of the objects, purposes and results of a Masonic trial. But we are disposed to 'let the whales fight it out among themselves,'" and so we turn Companion DADMUN over to Companion DRUMMOND on this proposition.

"Companion DRUMMOND says:—

"Now we submit to Companion WARREN:

"1. That a Grand Lodge having adopted and practiced this system for so long, no body of any grade can challenge its Masonic right to do so.

"2. That as long as the supreme law of a jurisdiction makes the payment of dues a contract, and nothing more, no offense cognizable as such grows out of their non-payment, because the breach of a contract is not a Masonic offense.

"3. That the rescission of a contract by the Lodge for the non-performance of it by the member, still leaves him in good standing as an unaffiliated Mason."

"To the first we dissent *in toto*. If a Grand Lodge has been guilty of enunciating an (logically) inconceivable proposition, no length of time can make it consistent or entitled to our assent. No Mason deprived of any of his rights or privileges against his will, or as punishment for infraction or neglect of duty, is or can be in good standing so long as the judgment stands in force. The bare statement of this proposition carries conviction of its truth. They, of course, can treat such members, so long as they remain at home, as they choose, and accord them whatever rights and privileges they please, and we will not quarrel with them; *that* is none of our business; but when they undertake to send them out here, and declare them entitled to more rights than our own members have, we dissent. They even insist that we shall accord them *more* rights than they have at home, for with us every Mason in *good standing* is in possession of every right; is curtailed in none; while in Maine he has, when thus suspended, no membership rights, nor power to acquire any.

"As for his second statement, it is idle to discuss it. We cite Companion DRUMMOND in 1880 and 1881 as *authority* in this instance, against the proposition he now advances. He cannot inspire us with respect for a position now assumed for the first time, that is in direct opposition to that occupied one and two years ago; nor have we any assurance that Companion DRUMMOND will not incontinently abandon his present ground another year, when he discovers that he was right then and is wrong now.

"It may not be amiss to inquire of Companion DRUMMOND the meaning of another term used by the Grand Lodge of Maine in its treatment of members. We find in their report for 1881 the following items: Suspended, 1; suspended from membership, 215; deprived of membership, 83.

"What is 'deprived of membership?' Is one *deprived* of membership not *suspended* therefrom? or, at least, is not one thus *suspended* deprived of his membership? And are such brethren under Masonic discipline of any kind, however mild? Are they so suspended or deprived of their membership because of dereliction on their part, or as a *punishment* for any act of omission or commission? Or is it a state of reward bestowed upon certain brethren for meritorious conduct, whereby their burdens are lightened, while their Masonic rights remain intact? Is this worth explaining?

"Commenting last year upon a decision of Companion GRANTHAM, of West Virginia, to the effect that a non-affiliated Mason is not in good standing, we said:—

"It is behind the injustice of some such decisions as this that Companion DRUMMOND stands when he denounces what he calls "modern Masonry." He points to such decisions to distract attention from the inconsistency of his position on "qualified suspension." Companion GRANTHAM says: An unaffiliated Mason is not in good standing. Companion DRUMMOND declares: A Mason suspended from membership is merely non-affiliated; and he denounces forcibly and justly the position that to be a non-affiliate is to be *per se* in bad standing. Companion DRUMMOND always evades the point we made, to wit: that to be "suspended from membership" is to be *under discipline*; that to be under discipline is to be *in bad standing*. Companion DRUMMOND's position compels him to declare that to be under Masonic disci-

pline, i. e. *some kinds* of discipline, is not necessarily to be in bad standing and it is thereon that we differ.

"And we once again desire to call our learned adversaries' attention to the above, and invite a refutation of its argument.

"Companion SCHULTZ takes still another position. It will be found that no two defenders of the heresy can agree. *He* says, referring to the question of Masonic rights:—

"We do not admit that a non-affiliate is denied "visitation and intercourse," nor do we admit that a non-affiliate is denied the right of asking for assistance. He may not have the legal right, perhaps to *demand* charity from the Lodge or Chapter funds, but he has just as much claim for assistance upon the individual brethren as the affiliate. He may not have the right to *demand* Masonic burial, but the brethren can and do bury *worthy* non-affiliates with the honors of Masonry, and which they would not do to one suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct. These are some of the rights and privileges of the non-affiliate, and which, in our opinion, cannot be taken from him, any regulation of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to the contrary. And why? because the ancient regulations do not insist that membership in a particular Lodge is *necessary* to good standing in the fraternity."

"The above will hardly hold water. If the member who is 'suspended from membership' (and of that kind of a non-affiliate *only* are we speaking—one whose non-affiliation is *forced*) has the *right* to ask for assistance and demand Masonic burial, neither can be lawfully denied him: but Companion SCHULTZ admits that he has no right to *demand* either, and we say that a Mason has no stronger or greater claim 'upon the individual brother' for charity than he has upon the Lodge *as a Lodge*; and if no obligation rests upon the one, none will upon the other. Companion SCHULTZ must qualify the assertion last quoted, because Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters *do* deprive members of *all* Masonic rights, and when such judgment is pronounced, our excellent companion cannot go behind the returns to ask *why* was such a penalty inflicted for such an offense.

"Unless this 'suspension from membership' is a *fraud*, a delusion and a snare, it is intended to be and is a punishment inflicted upon one adjudged guilty of infraction of duty. All our discussions show this: DRUMMOND, DADMON and every one else concede this to be so. Then why multiply words and arguments to prove that one undergoing punishment is not, cannot from the nature of the case be, in good standing; that, not being in good standing, it is not only our privilege but our duty to exclude him from our Convocations.

"But we do not say to Maine or Massachusetts, who have been groping in darkness for more than a hundred years,—from the building of the second temple until now,—that unless they reform their practice, and punish in fact as they declare in theory, we will sever Masonic intercourse. We leave them the right of personal judgment. Nor do we call their practice 'unmasonic,' 'unfraternal' or 'illegal,' as they characterize ours. We do not ask them to coddle or sympathize with our strayed sheep or our outcasts. We do not ask them, still less, to *fellowship with those whom we have thrust out as unworthy*.

"Last winter we had a little correspondence with Companion DADMON on this subject, and we think this article cannot perhaps be closed more fittingly than by giving the greater part of it. This is done with Companion D's consent, of course.

"Under date of January 9, 1882, he wrote:—

"You claim not to be an advocate of *modern* Masonry, and I fully believe you think so, but you are nevertheless one of the "moderns" in relation to the subject on which we disagree.

"In stating your postulates you have actually begged the question in debate. I will not now state wherein, further than to give you a few general *facts* bearing on the *status* of a Mason suspended or discharged from membership for non-payment of dues in Massachusetts.

"Masonry was first planted in New England as early as 1733. The records of *St. John's* Lodge, of Boston, extend back to that date; *St. Andrew's* Lodge to 1756; and *Massachusetts* Lodge to 1770. The history of *St. Andrew's* Chapter, then called *Royal Arch* Lodge, runs back to 1769. So much for our antiquity.

"In the early days of Masonry *compulsory membership and compulsory dues* were not known. If a member of a Lodge failed to pay "quarterages" he "ceased being a member"—quoting from the old By-Laws—and could return at any time with or without paying arrearages, by vote of the Lodge. Suspension of any kind was never inflicted for non-payment of dues. The records show that Masons were suspended for "unmasonic conduct," but in no case was non-payment of dues classed as "unmasonic conduct," and it never has been so classed from that day to the present.

"Lodge privileges are *local*, for which a member must pay as he goes along, if required, and when he ceases to pay he ceases to be a member, without sacrificing anything but his local Lodge privileges; that leaves him simply a non-affiliated Mason.

"After the independence of our Grand Lodge (1777) the laws were formulated, and the terms adopted touching the question were "discharged," or "suspended from membership for non-payment of dues," defining the *status* of one thus discharged or suspended to be that of an "unaffiliated Mason," with all his general rights unimpaired. (See Digest of Masonic Law.)

"Deprivation of membership in the Lodge is the only *forfeiture* ever recognized in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues. You may say it is a *penalty*, after all. Very well, if you mean thereby *forfeiture of Lodge privileges*. On the same ground, suspension from office is a *penalty*, and suspension of a charter is a *penalty*, but in neither case does it suspend the offenders from the rights of Masonry in Massachusetts. However, we do not intend to argue the question, but to give you an idea of the *status* of a member suspended or discharged from membership.

"Our present rules make it more difficult for a discharged member to return than formerly. Such an one *cannot join any other Lodge* until he has paid arrearages in the Lodge of which he was a member, and then only on petition and an unanimous ballot.

"Now, in order to discuss the law and usage of Massachusetts and Maine intelligently and satisfactorily, our companions must recognize these *facts*; that there is and always has been a clear and well defined distinction between Masonic rights and Lodge rights; between suspension from membership and suspension from Masonic rights; that primarily Masonic rights are derived from initiation, and Lodge rights from affiliation; that the member is deprived of the *latter only* by ceasing to pay dues. On that basis, and on that only, can we reason intelligently on our law and usage. A Mason might just as well undertake to argue that there is no such State as Massachusetts, or that the Pilgrims never landed at Plymouth Rock, as to argue and reiterate that there is but one kind of suspension in Masonry, or that suspension from membership is no suspension; that suspension is suspension from "Masonic rights," and not Lodge rights acquired by affiliation merely. You will readily see that our grace of patience must be severely tried when we are repeatedly told that what has passed into the history of more than a century *does not exist and never did exist!*"

"To which we made answer as follows:—

"Your kind favor received: thanks for its clearness and for the pains you have taken to give me light upon the pending disagreement between the ancients and moderns,—and, by the way, are you sure that, even by your own practice, you have not abandoned the "ancient" ground and planted yourself upon that of the "moderns," at least so far as to estop you from denying the conclusions claimed to flow from the law of your jurisdiction, as *now* interpreted and administered? I'll explain myself shortly. I think I understand the distinction you make between suspension from the rights of Masonry and suspension from Lodge rights; but granting that the law and practice are as you state them, it does not follow that I am wrong in my claims, even upon the *status* as given such members in Massachusetts. Formerly, it would seem, one who declined to pay his dues was without further action discharged or suspended from his membership rights; he reinstated himself at will; *perhaps* under that practice he would have claimed to be in *good standing*, though I doubt a little. But under the present practice no such claim can be logically set up, because he is discharged or suspended from membership—in Maine at least—only after trial and conviction: the suspension is the sentence pronounced upon the conviction. Even with you this *now* leaves the brother under a *disability*: he must petition for reinstatement; he cannot travel at home and visit other Lodges; their members are released from their obligation to relieve him. DRUMMOND calls it a *penalty* affixed to his refusal to conform to the By-Laws of his Lodge. Hence I say you have advanced, and stand upon *modern ground*: you recognize the *duty* to pay dues, coerce the brother into paying them under threat of depriving him of *one* or more of his rights; *e. g.*, the right of unrestricted Masonic intercourse and visitation. Now my whole argument is based upon one ground; the strength of my position, if it has any, is in this: that when, under the practice as it *now* obtains in Maine and Massachusetts, one has been suspended from membership, he is *under discipline*, hence not in good standing; there is a stain, a *disability*—however slight, there is some,—and hence he is *not* upon an exact equality with those who do pay their dues and retain their membership. This you *must* admit, or be forced into the position of sustaining a farce; of attempting to frighten a brother with a shadow; of threatening a *disability* where no intention exists to impose one, a veritable *trutum fulmen*. So long as no action is taken by the Lodge looking to enforcing his promise to pay dues he is *clear*—we do not exclude him; once shut out at home we close our doors too. Why, Brother DADMON, what can be clearer than what I have said above, to wit, that one thus suspended or discharged is *not* on an exact equality with those not thus proceeded against? That's the whole business. If there is, in practice, with you, such equality, then your Lodges are guilty of misrepresentation in leading your own members, and those abroad, to believe that you have discriminated against the delinquent.

"You say my postulates beg the whole question: it seems to me not. The first is in fact an *axiom*; it requires no demonstration to show its truth. The second you may dispute, perhaps, for a moment, but it is susceptible of the clearest demonstration; indeed you concede it, because he is deprived of the right to acquire membership anywhere until he pays his arrearages. You say that formerly he could go anywhere he chose without paying up, and under that rule I would probably concede all that you claim, that he was under no disability and consequently in good standing, but you have so *modernized* in your legislation as to change that and put him under an actual disability. You cannot draw illustration from suspension from office: one is official, the other personal.

"It seems to me that your position is so clearly right as to admit of no argument when the case is once stated. If *punished* at all, in the slightest degree, his standing is impaired during its continuance; that he is punished both you and DRUMMOND admit: then how can you reprove us for excluding from our meetings those who are tainted at home, no matter how slightly?

"Hence it is immaterial whether or not there is more than one kind of suspension; whether there is or should be a distinction between suspension from Masonic rights and suspension from Lodge rights. For the sake of the argument I will concede all that you claim thereon: nay, I will go further, and say that I believe your method of punishment is better than ours, more just, comes nearer doing justice between the Lodge and the delinquent, and is not open to the objection of being *harsh*. But all that is not to the point, and you were 'away off' when you stated the question to be, 'What is the proper penalty?'

"I am surprised that the question has never arisen before; it perhaps would not now, had not Pennsylvania drawn a line against those qualifiedly suspended, but I think their action strictly right—exactly just to their own members and no injustice to yours.

"Believe me when I say that I have nowhere seen any answer to my position. Am I so blind that I cannot discriminate? I will, for argument's sake, at least, concede all you claim as to your laws and their present working and effect, and still it leaves my present position untouched. You are insisting that you shall be allowed to punish non-payment of dues with a less penalty than suspension from the rights of Masonry. *I concede it, don't gainsay it.* I am insisting that any penalty imposed leaves the member under discipline, and hence not in good standing, and to this you say *not one word*. Meet me on the higher plane. Concede, as you ultimately must, that I am right, and then I'll help establish a less harsh penalty than the one now in force here upon such venial delinquents.'

"In closing our discussion of this question we desire our *confrères* at home and abroad, when considering what Companions DADMON, DRUMMOND and ourself have written, to remember the language of Cicero: *Non enim tam auctoritatis in disputando, quam rationis momenta querenda sunt.*"

We insert also the following upon the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter:—

"At our last session R. E. Companion BOWEN, for the committee appointed to examine the law and offer such amendments as may be necessary to our Constitution and By-Laws, to make them strictly conform to those of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, made a report embracing such amendments as in the opinion of the committee were necessary to bring about the desired conformity, and to make our Constitution like that of the General Grand Chapter. (See Nebraska proceedings, 1881, pp. 1012, 1013.) That report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, of which the writer was a member.

"When that committee met to consider the report submitted to us, it was conceded that Companion BOWEN had performed his duty thoroughly and well, and the question was asked the committee by the writer, whether or not it was our *duty* as loyal subjects of the General Grand Chapter to adopt the suggested amendments to our Constitution, it being shown that there was an absence of 'uniformity,' or whether there was allowed us the privilege of choosing such as seemed to us wise and proper, and rejecting those that seemed harmful or injudicious. And we said to the committee that if we were *compelled* to adopt them *volens volens*, because the provisions of our own Constitution were inconsistent with the provisions of that of the General Grand Chapter, and because the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter was paramount and supreme in all things, even to the details of the government of our own subordinates then our work was short, and we would recommend to our Grand Chapter their adoption. That if, on the other hand, we were allowed to exercise our own judgment as to what was best, we would proceed to examine the proposed amendments.

"Over this very natural preliminary question the committee 'was all torn up.' Companion HASTINGS thought it a matter that might never come up, and therefore immaterial, whereas it *had* already arisen, to our confusion. Whereupon we propounded the question to the Grand Chapter itself, and there it created doubt and hesitation, and was finally referred to be reported upon at the present Convocation.

"Because of that question our Grand Chapter has been criticised in some quarters, and we condemned and praised in others. We have been accused of disloyalty, and with being 'hostile to the General Grand Chapter.'

"Companion CASWELL, of California, says:—

"The companion who introduced the firebrand was a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who doubtless expected to secure the adoption of a report, ostensibly written by himself, which would commit his Grand Chapter to a course of action directly in violation of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, thus causing each member thereof to violate the solemn obligation which he had voluntarily taken."

"Then he quotes Companion FOXWORTHY's resolution respecting the merger, and thus comments:—

"In this resolution and the action thereon lies the explanation of the foregoing query, and reports in connection with it; Companion WARREN is a strong advocate of the Mississippi plan. It was he who presented the query, knowing it would be referred to a committee of which he was a member, and the only purpose of the query and the object of his report was to obtain a declaration by the Grand Chapter of its right to violate the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, by authorizing its subordinates to confer degrees not recognized by the governing Grand Body."

"Afterwards he pays us the following compliment, and gives us this rub:—

"Much more would we be glad to extract from this *first-class* report, but we have already lingered too long in Nebraska. Companion WARREN is a writer of ability, and were it not that he allows his hostility to the General Grand Chapter to get the better of his judgment there would be no more interesting reporter."

"How true it is that one must go from home to learn the news, and how astonishingly clear must be the vision or intuition of our esteemed companion who wrote the above! We had no desire to introduce a 'firebrand,' or accomplish any ulterior purpose covertly. The motives that induced us to ask the question are hereinbefore given. There was no talk or discussion of the merger; it was not thought of. Companion FOXWORTHY's resolution was introduced long afterward, and Companion CASWELL is in grievous error when he ascribes such motives to us. And moreover, we desire very emphatically to disclaim any 'hostility' to the General Grand Chapter; we feel none; all we wanted to know then was—and the same question troubles us now—what powers have the State Grand Chapters? and what jurisdiction has the General Grand Chapter over *Keystone* Chapter, No. 2, of Nebraska? Can the General Grand High Priest arrest its charter, or try its High Priest for official misconduct? What is the meaning of this language in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter?

"It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely.

"It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters *established by itself* in those States, districts, republics and territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

"It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever not hereby specially granted, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere."

"The fact of the business is, the General Grand Chapter is an *advisory* body, while the State Grand Chapters are *governing* bodies. Comparison of the language of the Constitutions of the two bodies will show it to be so.

"We do not propose to discuss the matter here or anticipate the report of the special committee, but perhaps Companion CASWELL or some one else will tell us whether the General Grand Chapter has power to determine what powers or jurisdiction Chapters created by the dispensation of the Grand High Priest of Nebraska shall exercise? Can the General Grand High Priest interfere with them in any manner whatever, and how?

"Can the General Grand Chapter determine who are eligible or who have the qualifications necessary to be members of our Grand Chapter? or decide how many votes members may cast? or how many subordinates shall constitute a quorum for business?

"Can it determine how many *members* of one of our subordinates must be present to constitute a quorum for business? General Grand High Priest ENGLISH decided that nine members of a subordinate must be present to hold a legal Convocation. Suppose our Grand Chapter permitted seven members and two visitors to constitute a quorum, and business was transacted, petitions received and petitioners elected. This would all be *void*, would it not? And if void, *what power in Masonry could declare it void*, and enforce its declaration?

"Is it not absurd then, to say that the General Grand Chapter is *supreme* in all things, even to matters of detail in the government of the subordinates of Grand Chapters? And was it so atrociously disloyal to ask a question about it?

"It would seem that amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter ought not to be binding until ratified by the State Grand Chapters, or the large majority of them."

"But we are not proposing to discuss these things; it would be improper at this time; we wished merely to set the Grand Chapter of Nebraska right on the record, so that she should not be injured in the good opinion of her sisters by any foolishness of the writer; and we wished also personally to disclaim any hostility to the General Grand Chapter, which is a body we greatly admire and respect."

We accept Comp. WARREN's apology, but we must insist that his action of last year looked a little like "snap judgment," but his explanation is satisfactory, and, to the questions above propounded, we can only answer that the General Grand Chapter has no powers *except those specified in its own Constitution*, and it would take one of poor CONSON's most powerful *microscopes* to discover them.

California gets a first rate notice; albeit he scores us for our summary action in the Tunis case, but this we have commented upon elsewhere.

In this connection he says:—

"Now here is a chance for Companion DADMUN to 'discard' or 'disregard' the sentence. California sets us the example of expelling a member without the formality of preferring charges, and without even the semblance of a trial, nor does it appear that the accused was present, or afforded any opportunity to make either explanations or defense. The committee report that as the offender 'does not appear to be impressed with the responsibilities and duties of a Royal Arch Mason, it is best for the reputation of the Grand Chapter that his connection with it be severed.' *Query*: In case Companion FRANK D. TUNIS should remove to Massachusetts or Maine, would his expulsion be recognized as legal and valid? All Masonic jurists declare that in order to discipline a member there must be a conviction *after due trial*, and here there was no trial at all. We fear that is a bad piece of business.

"The Report on Correspondence is a masterly one, and was presented by that veteran, Companion THOMAS H. CARWELL, wherein he reviews (78 pp.) the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, Nebraska for 1881 being pleasantly noticed. He quotes the queries we propounded anent the General Grand Chapter's jurisdiction, but we have noticed that elsewhere. He strongly indorses us in our controversy with DRUMMOND and DADMUN on the question of Masonic standing. We are glad of his powerful assistance, but we are gradually cutting the ground from under the feet of those who persist that a Mason may be under discipline, deprived of a portion of his Masonic rights, and still be in good standing. So long as we thus agree over the one vital question, we shall not quarrel with him about the moribund Cryptic Degrees, or what ought to be done with them.

"Companion CARWELL is a ready writer. The 'thread of his discourse' winds in and out amid the woof and warp of his argument, making pretty figures of speech for our delighted eyes to gaze upon; but our 'figure' is getting too intricate for us to follow. Anyhow, we are always glad to meet him."

We reciprocate, and hope Comp. WARREN will make one of the pilgrim band in August next, and if so—we know a *Crypt* wherein the "Budweiser" flows—and there we can discuss all the points of difference between us. We leave with regret this admirable report; but, in our anxiety to present Comp. WARREN's unanswerable argument on the suspension question, we have exceeded our limits.

This jurisdiction has twenty-three subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 1,047.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM H. MUNGER was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Grand Island on the first Tuesday in December, 1883.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Concord on the sixteenth day of May, 1882,—the *M. E.* ALBERT S. WAIT, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary. Fourteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief and principally confined to local matters. He announced the death of the Grand Chaplain, Comp. REV. JAMES ADAMS, and of Past Grand High Priest ALBERT RUYTER HATCH, and paid fraternal tributes to their memory. He also spoke in fitting terms of the loss sustained by the nation in the death of Comp. JAMES A. GARFIELD, late President of the United States; by our companions of Alabama in the death of *M. E.* Comp. JAMES

HERVEY JOINER, Grand High Priest, and by our companions of Missouri in the death of M. E. Comp. SAMUEL H. OWENS, Grand High Priest. He reports perfect harmony existing throughout the jurisdiction; that his attention had not been called to any case of difference; and that his official acts had been of such routine character as to require no special mention. He further says:—

"The returns from the various Chapters show the Craft to be in such healthy and vigorous condition throughout our jurisdiction as betokens present prosperity and affords assurance of future usefulness. The present total membership is 2,279, against 2,220 as shown by the returns of last year; an increase in our members of fifty-nine.

"If to swell our numbers from year to year were the main object of our Institution, this increase would not appear large, but when it is considered that Masonry exists for the good it is capable of accomplishing; when we remember that no form of proselyting or seeking for accessions to our numbers is allowed, and that our membership consists, and must ever consist, of such from among the best ranks of society, as, voluntarily seeking admission among us, have passed the required ordeal; this, in such a population as that of our State, is a very gratifying advance in our membership rolls, fully sufficient to justify the hopes of those most devoted to the advancement of the best interests of the Craft.

"The intimate connection which Freemasonry has had with all the interests of civilized man, pervading society in all its forms from a time to which human memory runneth not, affords us the assurance that its prosperity must betoken advance in the social and material welfare of men in every age, while its decadence must as surely mark their decline. The prosperity of our Institution must hence be gratifying to us not only as Masons, but as philanthropists, having at heart the common good of our race."

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence upon a decision of M. E. Comp. CURRIER in 1880, so thoroughly accords with our views that we give it entire, and especially commend it to the careful consideration of Comps. DRUMMOND and DAD-MUN:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence has examined the decision made by Most Excellent Grand High Priest CURRIER, referred to it at the Annual Convocation, May, 1881, which was received too late for consideration at that time, and submit the following report:—

"That decision was, 'A Master Mason who has been elected for the degrees conferred in the Chapter and who has received three of the Chapter degrees, and then receiving notice that he has been suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues, is not entitled to the Royal Arch degree until reinstated by his Lodge.'

"The duty of every Mason to belong to some Lodge and contribute his share towards its support, unless he has sufficient reason to be excused, is unquestioned; and if he refuses to pay such dues he may, upon trial and conviction, be adjudged guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor and punished. The penalty is commonly suspension from membership, which is deemed adequate punishment for that offense, and by which the brother is deprived of all the rights and privileges of membership.

"He is said to be somewhat in the situation of a non-affiliate, except that he cannot apply for membership in any other Lodge while under such sentence, or disability of suspension. Having been convicted of a Masonic misdemeanor and received the judgment of the proper tribunal, he is not in good and regular standing, and cannot by any reasonable or sensible view be so regarded while such judgment is in force.

"The practical form of the question before the committee is: shall a brother who has thus forfeited his rights in the Lodge and is still under judgment for Masonic offense, be deemed worthy to be exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason.

"We are unable to see any difference in principle between such a case and when the offense committed may have been a Masonic crime of worse nature, and when the penalty may have been the severest known to Masonic law. In such cases we don't suppose it would be contended for a moment that the brother would be deemed fit for exaltation.

"There is no good reason for making any distinction in the application of a general rule which may be found applicable to the government of the degrees under the control of the Royal Arch branch of the Order, and those which remain within the control of the Masters' Lodges. Masonry of the Blue Lodge is the basis of that which follows. 'Master Masonry' is the basis on which 'Royal Arch Masonry' is erected, and if a sound and proper rule can be established in relation to the Blue Lodge, it will be found one which Royal Arch Masonry would neither disregard nor subvert. Such a rule should be observed and followed throughout the 'Masonic family.'

"It has been suggested that a candidate has rights in this—that having been elected to receive the degrees of the Chapter he is entitled to them, etc.—but those

who claim this forget that no candidate has rights respecting the degrees which have not been conferred. 'Rights' in Masonry appertain only to degrees which have been received.

"There is no step in the Masonic way at which a candidate may not be stepped if sufficient reason appear. All practices and claims to the contrary are subversive and in violation of one of the most important principles of the 'Body of Masonry.'

"We need not here discuss the offense of non-payment of dues, or expose the inconsistency of a candidate for the Chapter degrees, desiring to take upon himself greater burdens and to discharge more important duties while neglecting and refusing to meet one of the first that he engaged to perform when becoming a member of the Blue Lodge.

"We assume that the brother in this case had been legally suspended from membership for the Masonic misdemeanor of non-payment of dues, and that the fact came to the Chapter in a proper manner, and that objection to the candidates farther advancement rests on that state of facts.

"In our opinion the decision of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is sound and good law, and should be sustained. Any other view would lead to serious if not fatal results. If a candidate under suspension from membership or any other sentence in the Lodge, could be balloted for on a petition for the Chapter degrees, the relations between the Lodge and Chapter might be broken, and all harmony and mutual observance of respective rights destroyed.

"We recommend the passage of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the decision of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE W. CURRIER, made in 1880, designated as No. 1, and relating to the non-payment of dues in Lodge, be approved.

"The above report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence would make a further recommendation in view of the question raised in the case considered.

"In 1862, page, 170, may be found the following resolution, which received the sanction of this Grand Chapter:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter recommend and advise the several subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction to adopt a By-Law as early as may be, requiring all candidates for the degrees to be members in good standing of a regular Lodge of Master Masons."

"This was a step in the right direction, and we believe the time has come when this Grand Chapter should take action requiring such to be the rule, and suggest the adoption of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That it shall not be lawful for any Chapter within this jurisdiction to receive the petition of any candidate for the degrees conferred therein unless such candidate is a member in good standing in some Lodge of Master Masons.

"The above report was accepted and the resolution adopted."

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the treasury of \$520 14.

An excellent Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. JOHN J. BELL. We were, for some unexplained reason, deprived of a report last year, but the present one is good enough to reconcile us for past disappointments. The proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed, California for 1881 included. Comp. BELL is a good writer and a candid reviewer, and in most instances his ideas *chime* with ours and it is only occasionally that he gives forth a discordant clang.

In his notice of California, he says:—

"Companion CASWELL reprehends the practice which some Grand Chapters seem to be introducing of paying the Grand High Priest. Here we are with him entirely, as with the suggestion that if Chapters would oftener work with *three* substitutes instead of one or two, it would be better for them. He thinks we need a Committee on Unfinished Business, and points out three instances, if we read him correctly, when subjects referred to committee have not received proper attention. We thank him for the suggestion, and will endeavor to have these matters attended to if upon examination any action seems necessary for the good of the Craft. We had marked several passages for quotation, but a glance at our manuscript shows that we have not room for what we should gladly have taken."

We quote the last two lines of the foregoing as an excuse for stopping right here.

There are twenty-one subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 2,279: a gain of fifty-nine during the year.

The *M. E.* CHARLES N. TOWLE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Trenton on the thirteenth day of September, 1882,—the *M. E. I. LAYTON REGISTER*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS* being Grand Secretary. Twenty-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

After the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the following ode was sung:—

"SORROWING, YET NOT WITHOUT HOPE.

Composed and Inscribed to the Fragrant Memory of Thomas J. Corson.

By M. E. Companion Rob. Morris.

By Special Request of M. E. Companion I. Layton Register, Grand High Priest.

"No! though the grave hath claimed our best,
No! though the green sprigs mark his rest,
Weeping we cry with chastened faith,
Trust in the Lord, and conquer death.

"No! though a seat is vacant here,
No! though his voice no more may cheer,
Upward we cast the eye of love
Lost to the earth but safe above.

"How through long years of wasting pain
Bright burned his soul and fired his brain;
In this dear place he loved to be—
Here keep his name eternally.

"Brethren, be strong, for life's demand
Boldly endure and bravely stand;
From his bright life example take—
From his blest grave let hopes awake."

The Grand High Priest commences his Address with appropriate allusions to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, among whom are numbered names illustrious in the history of Masonry.

He says: "The real estate belonging to the Grand Chapter, which has been in a large measure unproductive hitherto, is in a fair way to be changed into securities that will yield an income."

Only one decision is reported, to the effect that, "a petition may be withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the Chapter, before the Investigating Committee have reported, but not afterward." One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter. Under the head of "Foreign Correspondence," the Grand High Priest says:—

"How many companions read the elaborate reports on Foreign Correspondence that are yearly edited with so much care? If I shall judge others by myself, I fear that too few take the time necessary to study them as they deserve, for they form the most conspicuous and able portion of our current Masonic literature, in which difficult questions and law points are handled with rare dexterity, and the peculiar notions of Grand Officers are treated with fraternal consideration.

"Though the great Corson finished his task in carrying forward the work to a high rank in the annals of Capitular Masonry, his mantle has fallen upon other worthy shoulders, and New Jersey continues to receive most honorable mention in other Grand Chapter proceedings. This much should be said for the modesty of one whose reports have been so favorably commented upon, and who has won universal praise; and it is but a slight tribute to render to our Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, whose facile pen has earned such honor among the guild."

In conclusion, he says:—

"What is wanted in the Masonic world is to enjoy its privileges in a way that proves to the community in which you dwell, and the people with whom you come in contact, that there is a loveliness, a cordiality, a sympathy of character in your lives, that finds its truest development in an institution wherein we claim that all is good. If we lack any of these finer elements in ourselves, and yet admire them in others, we must attribute the defect to a selfishness in wishing to receive from others

what we would not give ourselves, and with a courage that will do the heart good, break away from the barriers that would restrain our nobler impulses, and rise to a higher level than the world ordinarily enjoys.

"This may be called the poetry of Masonry, but when put into practice, it is its best definition."

The Reports of the visiting Grand Officers show that they have been zealous and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and that the subordinate Chapters are mainly prosperous and flourishing.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1,540 42.

A fact significant of the harmony and prosperity prevailing in this jurisdiction is, that the Committees on Grievances and on Charity reported that no business had demanded their attention.

The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated to defray the expenses of the Grand High Priest to the Triennial Convocation at Denver, provided he goes in person.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the accomplished Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, a worthy successor to the lamented CONSON of fragrant memory. Thirty-seven Grand Chapters are reported upon, among which California, for 1882, receives kindly and fraternal notice. He quotes approvingly from the Address of M. E. Comp. ORME, and from our report of that year. He says:—

"Thirteen Past Grand High Priests answered to roll-call, and were ready for service in the interests of the body which had conferred its highest honors upon them. How mean would those feel who, having received the honors, never afterwards have time to attend Annual Conventions, if ushered into the presence of such an assembly! A Grand Council thus adorned is a glory in itself, and the pleasure of presiding in such companionship by Grand High Priest ORME could have been no ordinary realization."

He does not like our course in the case of FRANK D. TUNIS, and we confess that it requires a full knowledge of all the facts to justify it; but in answer to the following, we refer our esteemed companion to our remarks upon the subject under the caption of Maine:—

"A summary procedure, in the line proposed by Companion SCHULTZ, of Maryland. As unjust to the transgressor as it is undignified in the Grand Chapter. Civil, legal and religious procedure inveigh against such action, and the common law of Masonry points the same way. Justice with her eyes unbandaged is more apt to use the sword than the scales."

He further says:—

"New Jersey proceedings are quoted favorably, the two jurisdictions being in unison on most of the subjects that are agitating the quills of the fraternity. The most radical difference is to be found in the doctrine of a dimitted Mason not being in good standing in California for a period of more than six months without paying dues to a Masonic body in which he has no personal or particular interest, and of which he is not a member, and, it may be, unable to become one, while New Jersey believes that the 'free will and accord' with which a postulant entered the Order continues as part of his individual rights, and is sufficient to enable him to withdraw from active membership, still retaining good standing, certified to by a dimit."

It is true that a candidate for Masonic honors, enters of his own free will and accord the portals of the Lodge; but, once within, he also, of his own free will and accord, assumes certain duties and obligations of which he may not lightly divest himself as of an old garment; one of which obligations is, that he will conform to, and abide by the general regulations of ancient Freemasonry. The ancient regulations say, and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California reiterates: "It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge." This is the doctrine which every Master Mason subscribes to when he is raised to that sublime degree. Having assumed these obligations, he may not say to his brethren, you may bear the burdens and pay the expenses incident to the Masonic relation, but I will claim all its rights and privileges without contributing any portion of my time,

my labor or my money to the advancement of its interests or the furtherance of its objects. The "free will and accord" theory is, to use a slang phrase, "played out" in California and some other jurisdictions we wot of. If a Mason may, of his own "free will and accord," transgress one of the regulations of the Institution, or violate one portion of his obligation, why not all?

Comp. EDWARDS closes his notice of California as follows:—

"Companion CASWELL's lightning report has been a pleasant one to dwell upon, and the writer trusts to make his personal acquaintance at the tourney next year; but before venturing into the land that lies in heaven's smile, must exact that he shall be an exception to that "stringing up" hospitality, as should there be any balance of days due to him, he would prefer the sun should rise on them in Jersey."

Come on Companion E. to the "land that lies in heaven's smile;" and although we may get you "on a string," we promise not to "string you up" unless you develop a *pendant* for "*Jersey Lightning*."

Under the head of Connecticut, he says:—

"The opinion is advanced that the "mergement disease" will be cured by a sufficiency of rope. It certainly looks sickly when a relapse to the original order of things is proposed in the land of its nativity."

Probably no allusion to the "stringing up" process is intended in the above, yet we concur nevertheless.

He quotes from the proceedings of Iowa the following:—

"The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's Address as refers to the Council degrees, would report that, whereas, this Grand Body has assumed jurisdiction of the Council degrees, it has no disposition, at the present time, to rescind its action; that the formation of a Council in Iowa, under the authority of the so-called General Grand Council, by the members of any of the Chapters in this jurisdiction, would be considered contumacious; that, although we cannot approve of the adoption of the letter of the resolution proposed by the Grand High Priest, yet we approve its spirit; that we would not approve of any penal legislation, at this time, concerning this matter, as such legislation would seem to acknowledge the existence of a disposition on the part of some companions in this jurisdiction to bid defiance to this Grand Chapter."

To which he responds:—

"It is scarcely possible that the matter will rest even for one brief summer, in this shaded retreat. Aggression on one side and ambition or dissatisfaction on the other, will combine to force this "masterly inactivity" into a line of action. The consideration is certainly pertinent, as to the authority of a Grand Chapter to punish its subordinate members as Royal Arch Masons for acts done as Royal and Select Masters. Could a Grand Lodge discipline a Master Mason for selecting to be exalted in a Chapter that it deemed irregular? or one who preferred to take the Royal Arch of Enoch of the A. and A. rite, instead of the degree of the Capitular system? or one who became an Odd Fellow? or joined a church that it did not deem orthodox? Even granting that the Council system has been merged in that of the Capitular, it was merely as to the control of the degrees, so far as the Council could convey the right by its central power. It has never been assumed that there has been an incorporation—an admixture of the systems. Can such a monstrosity exist as a Cryptic offense against Capitular Masonry?"

We regard this bantling (the merger question) as dead! dead!! dead!!! virtually abandoned by its maternal parent, *Miss-Issippi*, it has perished for lack of sustenance.

Under the caption of "Maine," we find the following which meets our full endorsement:—

"Charge is made that the New Jersey reviewer 'persistently refuses to see the distinction we draw in Maine' on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues. Had the word 'consistently' been used as the adverb in the paragraph quoted, though failing to carry the intention of the author, it would have been more applicable to the views of this jurisdiction.

"Suspension in New Jersey has but one signification. It is met with in one of the earlier covenants without qualification of any kind or degree in connection with Masonic intercourse with Masons under such law. It is presumable that it is also in use in Maine in the same degree. From the practice of that jurisdiction, and the arguments of writers in support of a distinctive suspension, it is to be inferred that

at the time of the covenanting, this distinctive quality is manifested to the covenanter, otherwise it would be difficult to see when this exception can be developed in the Masonic mind. The premises being unlike, the conclusion cannot be arrived at between the jurisdictions. As to the point made of the distinction 'between the penalty we inflict for the non-payment of a dollar a year, and punishment we visit upon a moral delinquent.' That such exists in Maine there is no doubt, arising either from explanation, qualification or reservation, but none of these enter into the subject as practiced in New Jersey.

"New Jersey does not seek to compel her Masons under penalty on Maine, but plainly says that any Mason hailing from her jurisdiction, to which the sentence of suspension attaches, is disqualified from fellowship with the Craft, and therefore is quite able and willing to subscribe to articles one and two quoted in the early part of this paper. But that New Jersey should be required, all other things being equal, to accept a Maine Mason, to which an *inflicted penalty* attaches for a committed offense, that sentence being suspension of any kind or degree which the usage of New Jersey recognizes as a barrier to Masonic intercourse, is neither within the province of Maine to exact or New Jersey to grant.

"In New Jersey there is ample provision for welcoming Maine Masons against whom there is no penal discipline, but to the class that is not good enough to hold membership even for a season in Maine, during that season New Jersey does not want them to visit in her jurisdiction—nay, will not open her doors to them.

"It is therefore to be seen that New Jersey refuses to subscribe to article three, as relates to the *status* of a Mason as fixed by his Grand Chapter *being his status everywhere.*"

Also, in his review of Massachusetts, he takes the wind out of Comp. DADNUN's sails, and leaves him becalmed on an ebb tide. He says:—

"The companion defines the *status* of a Mason outside of his immediate jurisdiction in the following language, after according to each jurisdiction the right to declare who may be admitted as visitors, provided they do not make the declaration on the ground that every Mason without their particular jurisdiction, who does not conform to their standard, is not in good standing. He says:—

"Each Grand Lodge must fix the *status* of its own members, and that *status* must be accepted throughout the Masonic world, or the *universality* of Masonry is destroyed. If a Grand Lodge should remove one of the acknowledged landmarks of the institution, in fixing the *status* of its members, it would voluntarily put itself outside of the pale of Masonry, and be treated accordingly—as France is treated."

"Why must that *status* be accepted throughout the Masonic world? Has the jurisdiction wherein the sojourner presents himself, no right of estimate, according to its own standard? If Massachusetts, with her century of experience, thinks fellowship, as a member, incompatible with one who neglects or refuses to contribute his just dues to the body to which he belongs, and 'suspends him from membership,' thereby depriving the delinquent of certain Masonic rights, have not other jurisdictions the right to assert that they will hold no fellowship with such a one? If not a good enough Mason to remain in membership in Massachusetts, by what right does that State assume that he is good enough to visit, *by courtesy*, in jurisdictions that claim suspension for any cause (as in New Jersey) is a taint?

"One of the necessary conditions of Arch Masonry is 'unity,' and unity in its broadest sense is implied. Had the suspended member not been wanting in this excellence in Massachusetts, he would not have been disparaged by his associates. Do the brethren of the old Bay State assume that this quality which they hold to be an essential in their jurisdiction, is a non-essential outside of their limits?

"A great deal has been written upon the sentence 'suspended from membership,' and those practicing the penalty for the *offense* of non-compliance with the By-Laws, in neglecting or refusing to pay just dues, endeavor to qualify the first word by the two latter, whereas the whole value is contained in the word 'suspended,' and that value of estimate enters into the covenant prior to exaltation, and is as pronounced and prominent in its bearing as is the word 'expelled,' of the same clause.

"No one would presume that the Craft who have had Masonry in their keeping, and have practiced it for over a century, would place the stigma of suspension upon one who was *unable* to pay dues. It therefore follows that it is intended to attach as a penalty to such as are able and have not principle enough to regard their personal obligations, and when Massachusetts, or any other State, pronounces sentence and uses the epithet 'suspended' in the sentence, those who conscientiously hold to the terms of their *unqualified* covenant, cannot and will not give to the one so branded admission where 'peace, love and unity' exist.

"Each jurisdiction has the right of estimate as to qualification in its own territory. Massachusetts holds that one 'suspended from membership' is qualified to visit, by courtesy, within her limits. The privilege is hers to practice it, *chacon &*

son goit, but when she assumes that 'that *status* must be accepted throughout the Masonic world,' she arrogates to herself the rights of others, and morally annexes the whole 'Masonic world.' To the rock she owns, and the hub she claims to own, must be added the *status* of right of visitation, by courtesy, of a suspended Mason, which, like the former, will have to remain within the jurisdiction to prevent deterioration.

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts says (see Digest of Masonic Law), 'When the word "suspension" is used alone, it is understood to refer to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and *not to membership in a Lodge*.' And the same distinction is recognized in the General Grand Bodies of all the grades.

"So far as the first paragraph is concerned, Massachusetts has an undoubted right to have a lexicon or a 'Digest of Masonic Law,' but she forgets that such a work is local and of local application only; even though Massachusetts compiles and prints it, that does not confer upon it the character of a Webster's Masonic Dictionary. As to the latter clause, suppose the theme confined within the more approachable limits of Craft Masonry, and to that portion which is designated as Symbolic, where no general Grand Body exists—confined to the ground floor, and to action that affects all the other grades. Here Massachusetts exercises 'suspension from membership,' New Jersey 'suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry,' as penalties for non-payment of dues. Massachusetts feels aggrieved because other jurisdictions will not take her localized valuation of the term according to her Masonic Lexicon, but prefer to define the *status* according to their own digests, in their own jurisdictions. Who ever heard of New Jersey or any of her peers that put the same length of tail to their suspended kites, complain of other jurisdictions not accepting, as visitors, those against whom they have enacted the penalty of suspension?

"Dear old Massachusetts, venerable brethren, put more tail to your kite, and you will have no trouble to hold it steadily when the wind carries it over your neighbor's property."

"Shoulder to shoulder," Comp. EDWARDS; New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California will "hold the fort" against all comers.

This jurisdiction has thirty-five subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 2,355.

The M. E. CHARLES L. CHOVEY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of this venerable Grand Chapter was held in the city of Albany on the seventh day of February, 1892,—the M. E. WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an able Address, in which he says:—

"The year now about to close has been more than ordinarily uneventful, and my labors as the executive have been exceedingly light. So far as I can learn the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. No controversy of any kind has been brought to my notice. Nothing requiring judicial action has been demanded of me; and although the correspondence between the officers of Chapters and myself—in which advice was sought and decisions of questions of law asked—has been extensive, it has not been embarrassing, or at all troublesome, but on the contrary has been a source of pleasure to me. I have ever believed that the Grand High Priest is the servant of the Craft, and not the master; that his powers and duties are defined by constitutional enactments, and that there are no governmental powers inherent in his office; hence he, who has been chosen by the free suffrages of his companions in the Grand Chapter to the highest post of honor in their gift, should ever be willing to show his appreciation of their favor, by a faithful, careful, and impartial discharge of all duties and responsibilities which may devolve upon him during his term of office."

We have been roundly taken to task in some quarters for asserting that the Grand High Priest had no powers or prerogatives except those conferred upon him by the Constitution; and it is very gratifying to know that we are sustained in that opinion by the Grand High Priest of the largest and one of the oldest Grand Chapters in the land.

The chapter on "Necrology," is a long and sad one. It chronicles the extinguishment of many a brilliant Masonic light, whose radiance has long brought the

blind by a way they knew not, made darkness light before them and crooked things straight." Prominent among the "shining marks" struck by the "King of Terrors," stands the name of JAMES McMURRAY AUSTIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. A fine steel engraved portrait of the deceased companion forms the frontispiece to the proceedings, and, upon the clear and open brow is affixed the stamp of "God's noblest work, an honest man." In paying a fraternal tribute to his memory the Grand High Priest says:—

"No grander or nobler name appears upon the records of Masonry in the Empire State than that of JAMES M. AUSTIN. Considering Humanity's frailties, we can safely declare that no purer, better, or more conscientious man and Mason than Comp. AUSTIN has honored our Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

"It was my great privilege to enjoy an intimate personal acquaintance with our deceased companion during a period of more than twenty years. I always found him true to the instincts of right, and the unyielding denouncer of wrong. I have many a time and oft seen the manly tear of sympathy glisten in his eye when listening to a tale of human suffering or woe. The kindly impulses of a generous and noble heart were always manifested in his intercourse with his fellow creatures, and none who knew him well, will fail to accord to his character (when taken for all in all) the highest praise.

"He was for twenty-eight years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and during that long period hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars, belonging to the Masons of New York, were intrusted to his hands without other security than his honor. In vain Temptation assaulted his stern integrity. The large sums of money placed in his care were always accounted for, and paid over to the uttermost cent. Honesty was engraven in living characters on his manly face."

To many of the Masons of this jurisdiction, Comp. AUSTIN was well known; and California extends her warmest sympathy to her companions of New York in the great loss they have sustained.

The Grand High Priest recommended that no companion should be allowed to hold the office of Representative of more than one Grand Chapter at the same time, and this recommendation, having been approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was adopted by the Grand Chapter. In this connection the Grand High Priest says:—

"The office of Representative of a Grand Chapter is a post of honor, and a companion, however exalted his station, may well be proud to occupy it; and, in a jurisdiction so large as ours, in which there are so many well-qualified companions, it seems to me that these honors should be distributed as far as circumstances will permit."

He calls attention to the state of the finances, and recommends that the *per diem* of members be reduced from five dollars to four dollars; showing that in 1871, the surplus funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to more than fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, while at the last Annual Convocation a deficiency of two thousand dollars was reported. He accounts for this great reduction in the revenue by the fact that the amount of work done in the subordinate Chapters, from which a fee of three dollars for each candidate is derived, has largely fallen off, and that the membership of the Chapters, from which is derived an annual income amounting to fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls, has decreased from the total of 18,539 members in 1877, to the total of 15,276 in 1881, a loss of 3,263, resulting in a falling off in the annual income, in this item alone, of more than sixteen hundred dollars. The Grand Chapter saw the wisdom of the recommendation and it was adopted, decreasing the annual expenses of the Body by about one thousand dollars.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest, are,—

1st. An officer of a Chapter cannot be installed by proxy.

2d. That an installed officer of a Chapter cannot of right dimit during his term of office. "If the installed officer be an appointed one, his resignation of office may be accepted by the High Priest, and some other companion appointed to fill the vacancy, and installed into the vacant place, and, after all this is done, the resigned

officer is entitled to a dimit, if his accounts are square and no charges are pending against him. It is for the High Priest to say whether or not he will accept the resignation of an appointed officer, who had, at his installation, covenanted that he would discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability during the term for which he was appointed." We must confess that what little intellect we are possessed of, is too obtuse to grasp the logic of this decision. If an appointed officer may resign and dimit, why not an elected one? both are bound by the same covenant, viz.: to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability during the term for which he was elected (or appointed); one is held by no stronger tie than the other. But it may be said, the appointed officer is created by the High Priest and therefore subject to removal by him for cause. We acknowledge the force of the argument and concur in its conclusion; but is not the elected officer also created by the Chapter and subject to removal for cause? If then the High Priest or the Chapter have the power to remove an officer created by them, they surely have the power to accept his resignation, and relieve him from his covenant, should good reasons exist for so doing. A Royal Arch Mason loses none of his rights as such by being elected or appointed to office, and one of those rights is, to dimit at pleasure, all dues being paid, and no charges pending.

Again: the Grand High Priest says the successor to the resigned officer must be appointed and installed, before the latter is entitled to a dimit. We hold that, the moment his resignation is accepted, his responsibility, so far as the office is concerned, is at an end and he may dimit or remain a high private as he pleases.

3d. With reference to jurisdictional boundaries he decided as follows:—

"Draw an imaginary straight air line (regardless of mountains, rivers or other natural obstructions) between the place of meeting of *Otsego* Chapter and the place of meeting of *Richfield Springs* Chapter; then bisect that line at a point half way between the two Chapters: and all candidates residing between the place of bisection and *Richfield Springs* Chapter are a part of the material of that Chapter, and all candidates residing between the place of bisection and *Otsego* Chapter are a part of the material of *Otsego* Chapter. This is a well-settled rule of this jurisdiction, and cannot be departed from without a violation of the Constitution. A candidate residing at the place of bisection between the two Chapters may lawfully be received by either Chapter."

4th. He also decided that the Grand High Priest has no lawful power to dispense with the requirements of the Constitution, and refused to grant a dispensation to ballot upon the application of a candidate, within the time specified in the Constitution.

5th. Also that the use of substitutes is allowable; and that a High Priest has no right to require the Secretary to pay, from funds in his hands, a warrant drawn upon the Treasurer.

6th. That a Chapter may, by a majority vote, reconsider a favorable ballot upon the petition of a candidate for affiliation, at any time before the companion has completed his affiliation by signing the By-Laws of the Chapter.

7th. "A summons signed by the High Priest of a Chapter is unquestionably valid without a seal; but a summons signed by the Secretary only, should be attested by the Chapter seal to make it sufficiently valid to enforce obedience to it; and I further decided, that a Chapter summons issued through the public press only, seal or no seal, has no validity whatever."

A summons is the most important document issued in Masonry; to disregard it, subjects the offender to expulsion; when issued, therefore, it should be done with all the formality its importance demands. We deny the right of the Secretary to issue a summons over his sole signature, with or without the seal of the Chapter. The High Priest alone is authorized to issue a summons, and it should be signed by him, and his signature attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

Upon the question of non-payment of dues the Grand High Priest is eminently sound. He says:—

"An experience of nearly twenty-five years, and a careful consideration during the most of that time of the question of penalties for non-payment of dues, has brought me to the most durable opinion, that, when such penalties are lawfully inflicted they should and do carry with them loss of good Masonic standing, and the higher bodies (such as Chapter and Commandery) should recognize the status of every brother against whom penalties of any kind have been adjudged, and declare that a brother who has incurred a penalty which denies him the rights and privileges of good standing in his Lodge, must necessarily lose his good standing in his Chapter and Commandery.

"Section 39 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, declares that 'the membership of any companion in a Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended in the Lodge to which he belongs.' The words 'for any cause' were especially placed in the section quoted, so as to apply to all those who might be suspended for non-payment of dues. In nearly every Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the United States, the penalty for non-payment of dues is *suspension*. New York is a notable exception, but the penalty provided by the Grand Lodge of New York is really greater than suspension. It is compulsory *unaffiliation*; and a restoration from unaffiliation for non-payment of dues requires a payment of the indebtedness and a majority vote of the Lodge; while on the other hand, suspension may be terminated at any time by the brother himself, by simply paying the indebtedness and without asking the consent of the Lodge.

"Now it does seem to me that it is only necessary for this Grand Chapter to so construe Section 39 of the Constitution, as to declare that the unaffiliation for non-payment of dues, when inflicted as a penalty, means the same as suspension for non-payment of dues, and that it shall have the same effect. A regulation of this kind adopted by this Grand Chapter will solve the whole problem, and we may thereby do for Craft Masonry what the chiefs of the Orders of Knighthood propose to do for Capital Masonry in our State, and place this Grand Chapter in harmonious accord with the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery of New York."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this portion of the Address was referred, reported as follows:—

"By direction of the Grand Chapter it was also referred to your committee to consider the question of companions, who, for the non-payment of dues to the Lodges to which they have belonged, have been subjected therein to the penalty of 'unaffiliation,' and the action, if any, which is necessary for their restoration to their rights and privileges as Royal Arch Masons. The subject is one of difficulty. By Section 31 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, it is provided 'that the membership of any companion in a Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended from the Lodge to which he belongs.' But the companion who suffers in his Lodge the penalty of 'unaffiliation' (the only penalty incurred in this State for the non-payment of dues), cannot be properly termed *suspended*. Suspension, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, is a well-defined punishment, to which the brother who is merely a delinquent in the payment of dues is not liable. As Section 39 of our Constitution relates only to the suspension of the membership of companions in their Lodges, in the opinion of your committee it cannot properly be construed to apply to the case of a companion suffering a different penalty—that of 'unaffiliation.'

"A companion suffering this penalty in his Lodge may in fact terminate his punishment and disability at any time by paying his arrears. This done, if it is the pleasure of his Lodge, he may be restored to membership by the vote of a majority of the brethren of his Lodge. If his application for restoration to membership should fail to receive such vote, he must remain unaffiliated, but at liberty to apply for membership to any other Lodge which he may choose.

"The question before your committee is this: 'What is the status of such companion while thus unaffiliated?'

"Upon this question the Constitution of the Grand Chapter is entirely silent. No provision which it contains is applicable to the case. Yet there can be but little doubt that a companion, who, by the plainest disregard of his duty as a brother has thus become an unaffiliate, ought not to retain the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. The common interests of Masonry demand that the consequences of his default to duty should follow him through all the other Masonic bodies to which he belongs.

"The subject seems to your committee not to require any amendment of the Constitution, nor any violent construction of its provisions. It is competent for the Grand Chapter, at any of its sessions, to enact laws not in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Chapter. Such laws, often called 'General Regulations,' are subject to amendment or repeal at any Convocation of the Grand Chapter. At present the Grand Chapter has no existing laws of this character; but this affords no reason why, if deemed expedient, they may not be

"Your committee, to meet the requirements of this important matter, deem it proper to recommend the adoption of a statute, a draft of which is hereto annexed, to be called 'General Regulations, Section 1.' If it should meet with the approval of the Grand Chapter, then, until modified or abrogated, it would have the full force and effect of any other law of Royal Arch Masonry; and it is hoped that it may tend to the accomplishment of the desirable reform, so convincingly urged in the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

"GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 1. If any companion of this jurisdiction shall become unaffiliated by his Lodge for the non-payment of dues, upon proof of the fact, by the certificate of his Lodge, authenticated by its seal and the signature of its Secretary, and filed with the Secretary of his Chapter his membership in his Chapter shall be suspended, until such unaffiliation shall cease or his dues to his Lodge be paid."

The report was adopted and is now the law in New York. We respectfully refer the question to D., D. & Co. for fraternal criticism.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN is exactly what might be expected from its talented author:—

Sound, logical and interesting,

Courteous, thorough and convincing,

With aspect new each thought investing,

We read and ponder, sometimes wincing

when a hot shot is thrown into some pet theory, or the flimsy veil of sophistry stripped from a plausible argument; but we read with pleasure nevertheless. The report comprises a review of the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, and covers ninety-two pages of the Annual. California, for 1881, is reviewed in a kindly and fraternal spirit, and, as we read, we are impressed with the truth of the adage, "*great minds run in similar channels*," for he agrees with us in all essential matters which are now the subject of controversy among Masonic writers. In commenting upon our report of that year, he gives the remarks of the Grand Z. of Canada upon the subject of non-payment of dues and our rejoinder thereto; whereupon he says:—

"Both these learned and good men concur in the conclusion that, to cut off those who are unable, but willing to pay, is a cruel wrong and hardship, while those who are able, but will not pay, deserve no consideration—with the one it is a misfortune, with the other a crime. This is the precise point where the remedial action must come in, and where the best and really desirable material may be saved to the Craft. There should be a discrimination; those who can but will not pay are offenders of a high order, and should be punished; while he who wants to, but is in circumstances which forbid payment, should be kindly dealt with, and his dues, if need be, abated. Is there any practical way to arrange the matter so that justice and right shall be done, and injustice and wrong prevented? We can see the difficulties in the way, and yet there is generally, if not always, a way where there is a will. What rule then can we adopt to arrest the depletion by dropping from the roll of membership for the non-payment of dues? How would the following plan answer?

"*First.* No member to be regarded as delinquent for non-payment of dues until one year from the time they are due.

"*Second.* Let a summons be issued to all delinquents, stating the amount of indebtedness for dues, and propounding this question: 'Are you able, and will you pay the amount? Answer, on your honor as a Mason.'

"*Third.* If the companion answers that he is not able, let the matter be referred to a committee to inquire and report as to the truth of the statement, and, if the report be in accord with the statement, let the dues be remitted and the debt forgiven.

"*Fourth.* If the companion be able to pay, either by his own confession or known circumstances, then let the Secretary take his note after two years dues have accrued, payable six months from date, and convert the same into money, or hold the same as assets belonging to the Chapter, to be used as circumstances may require. If this be refused, then let him be expelled for unmasonic conduct, and let all such be published annually.

"*Fifth.* Let all subordinate Chapters be exempted from paying dues to the Grand Chapter on all members who have been twenty-five years and more members of the Chapter, and who have paid for that time all dues, and let such members be exempted from paying all dues ever after.

"The result of this plan would be to stop the drain of suspensions and dropping from the roll for non-payment of dues, and would, in the end, bring all or nearly all to pay rather than give notes to remain outstanding obligations: it would make can-

didates careful in their applications, and would secure to the Chapter their dues and debts. Do you say it is complicated and likely to embarrass Chapters and members? We do not so see it; it is a simple business transaction, and would at stated periods give members a forcible reminder of their obligations to their Chapters; having agreed to pay, and thus created an obligation, why should they not be asked to put it in writing, and make it legally binding. Those who joined Chapters would understand when they were accepted that they would be compelled to pay, and not be allowed to drop out by refusing to pay without due punishment. Or can anybody devise a better plan? The subject is vital, something has got to be done, and it is worthy the careful attention of the best minds of the Craft.

"It does not do to say that non-payment of dues is a crime and should be punished; granted, but it does not save the Chapters from depletion and the Craft from ruin and disgrace. They go out through the door by whole battalions; last year in this jurisdiction, according to the Grand Secretary's report, the total decrease was 1,521, and the net 753. This ratio of decrease would wipe out the entire membership of a little over 15,000 in twenty years. The exaltations were 608, and suspensions for non-payment of dues 1,039. These figures show conclusively the gravity of the question, and a necessity for some rule that will arrest this depletion.

"Let us assume the charitable view, that most who neglect to pay dues do it without any criminal design, without intending to defraud the Chapter or act dishonestly, and then let us apply the rule of requiring notes or obligations, and it will at once be seen that there are very few but would pay; and then those who are really poor and unable to pay would be relieved and forgiven, and thus the membership would be maintained.

"We have thrown out these crude views more for the purpose of calling attention and attracting notice than for any other purpose. We would like some practical suggestions from others. There ought to be wisdom enough in the Royal Craft to devise a way of safety out of the danger which threatens us.

We must say that we are not favorably impressed with the plan proposed. If a brother is unable to pay his dues at the time he is notified, he has only to ask an extension of time; no note will hold him if he is indisposed to pay, and those who are able, but unwilling to pay, have not the sense of honor developed in their natures to a sufficient extent to cause them to consider a written promise to pay, where there is no compelling power to enforce it. We are better satisfied with the present status of affairs. In the process of suspension for the non-payment of dues, we are but sifting the tares from the wheat, the dross from the pure metal; and it is bad policy for us to garner a harvest, the bulk of which is increased by worthless weeds, or swell our seeming wealth by the addition of base coin. Suspension for non-payment of dues is the winnowing machine of the Craft; let it work. Better a few that are faithful to their vows than many who are recreant. We would gladly follow Comp. OGDEN further, but we have already exceeded our limit.

There are in this jurisdiction one hundred and ninety-one subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 15,028.

The *M. E.* JAMES D. POLLARD was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Wilmington on the thirtieth day of May, 1882;—the *M. E.* JAMES SOUTHGATE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* DONALD W. BAIN being Grand Secretary. Fourteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined to local matters, with the exception of appropriate notices of the honored dead of other jurisdictions. He gives a list of twenty-seven subordinate Chapters which are either dormant or extinct, and of all these, but one gives hope of resuscitation. In this connection he says:—

"It is said that *post mortem* examinations are especially useful for ascertaining the cause of death, and as these Chapters are found to be cold in the embrace of the 'grim tyrant,' I undertook the investigation, and though not a physician, it did not require much medical acumen to diagnose the case.

"From the letters and other information in my possession, I conclude that in every community where Blue Lodge Masonry has declined, Capitular Masonry has also declined. Like the Siamese twins one is wholly dependent upon the other.

Nor does this seem at all strange, companions, when the one is the foundation of the other, and the Lodge is, so to speak, the heart and lungs of the Chapter.

"It is indeed sad to contemplate the fact that the fires which burned brightly on so many altars in different parts of our State, should have gone out. Let us hope that embers enough remain from which to rekindle some of these fires, and that ere long the rubbish will be removed from the old ruins preparatory to erecting new temples, where companions may assemble and promulgate the beautiful teachings of our noble art."

Several decisions were rendered, but none of general interest.

In conclusion he says :--

"In reviewing the labors of the past year as Grand High Priest, I am free to confess that there is much to discourage. A deadly apathy seems here and there to have fallen upon those who in days gone by were our best workers. To shake off this apathy will require almost superhuman effort. Internal dissensions have rooted out interest in many Chapters, and you will find where brotherly love is wanting, and every moral and social virtue does not cement, a fearful discord which lifts high the danger signal. I have devoted much of the time in endeavoring to ascertain the status of the Royal Craft, and think something has been done to increase that interest among the Craft which will eventuate in good."

The fee for a warrant for a new Chapter was reduced from ninety to twenty-five dollars.

"The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$127 77.

We notice that the dues of *Cassell* Chapter, No. 38, were remitted to April 30, 1881. We regret that our namesake should have been reduced to this strait, and trust it will keep up the reputation of the family for rapid recuperation from either physical or financial prostration.

The Grand Secretary thus closes the record of the proceedings :--

"The visit of the Grand Chapter to the scenes of its early associations and labors, renewed individual and fraternal friendships. Members of the Grand Chapter and guests were afforded a full measure of enjoyment. The occasion and its incidents, culminating in the rich feast of pleasure in an excursion down the famous Cape Fear, on Thursday, revived the reminiscences of *Auld Lang-Syne*."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Seventeen subordinate Chapters are borne upon the registry, with an aggregate membership of 526.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

OHIO.

The sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Newark on the twentieth day of September, 1882,—the M. E. DANIEL A. SCOTT Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES NESBITT being Grand Secretary. One hundred and forty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a brief and thoroughly business paper. He urges upon all who may be elected High Priests, "the duty which they owe, not only to their respective Chapters, but to the fraternity at large the necessity of becoming more familiar with the Constitution and laws of the Order, that they may be more capable of settling questions that are constantly arising." He recommends that in the Chapter, as in the Lodge, "a candidate be required to familiarize himself with each preceding degree before he is permitted to advance higher. The Chapter is looked upon in many places as a short halting place from which to step into the Commandery. The ritual is barely communicated to the candidate in a hurried, and oftentimes not a very clear manner, and at the conclusion, in nine cases out of ten, he is unable to make himself known as a Royal Arch Mason."

The committee to whom this portion of the Address was referred, presented the following report, the first clause of which was adopted, and the remainder was laid over until the next Annual Convocation :—

"Your special committee appointed to examine so much of the Grand High Priest's Address recommending that in the Chapter as in the Lodge, 'a candidate be

"*First.* That no Chapter shall confer the Mark Master's degree upon any candidate until said Chapter is satisfied from actual examination by a committee appointed for that purpose, that the candidate is proficient in the preceding degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

"*Second.* That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare lectures for the several degrees of the Chapter, and submit the same to this Grand Chapter at its next stated Convocation for approval.

"*Third.* That before advancement the candidate shall be examined as to his proficiency in the preceding degree (as in the Lodge).

A resolution requiring a probation of six months as a Master Mason before a candidate shall be eligible to the Capitular degrees, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who thought the matter required deliberation and discussion; and, at their request, it was laid over until the next Annual Convocation. We note the following decisions, in which we concur:—

"1st. A Brother SIMON brought with him from *De Witt Clinton* Chapter, State of Mississippi, a request that any Chapter to which he might apply should confer the Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees upon him. He presented the request to *Willis* Chapter, No. 131, Cincinnati. Thereupon *Willis* Chapter, through its Secretary, requested an answer to the following interrogations:—

"*First*—Should the brother petition in the usual form? *Second*—Has *Willis* Chapter the right to confer the degrees upon Brother SIMON without the usual fees? *Third*—If we should confer the degrees as requested, would Brother SIMON become a member of *De Witt Clinton* or *Willis* Chapter?"

"My answer to the above interrogations were as follows: To the first—He should set forth in his petition the facts in the case. To the second—Not unless *Willis* Chapter is satisfied that the fees have been paid to *De Witt Clinton* Chapter. To the third—If *Willis* Chapter is satisfied that the fees have been paid to *De Witt Clinton* Chapter, and *Willis* confers the degrees as an act of courtesy, the brother becomes a member of *De Witt Clinton* Chapter.

"2d. A companion applies to a Chapter for membership on dimit and is rejected. Would he, upon applying for membership in another Chapter, be required to first obtain the consent of the Chapter that rejected him on dimit?

"Ans. The rejection of a companion for membership gives the rejecting Chapter no jurisdiction over the rejected companion.

"Any member of a Chapter may be elected and installed its High Priest, regardless of previous official position."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$2,126 24.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we learn, that 999 were exalted during the year; 169 were admitted; 103 reinstated; 246 withdrawn; 126 died; 267 suspended; 8 expelled; net gain 644. A very good showing.

The Committee on Grievances reported—nothing to do; an excellent indication in so large a jurisdiction.

Charters were granted to three Chapters under dispensation, and two petitions for dispensations to form new Chapters were refused.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. J. KELLY O'NEALL is an intelligent and critical review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, among which California for 1882, receives fraternal notice. He quotes from the Address of M. E. Comp. ORME relative to the danger of popularizing Masonry, upon which he makes the following sound and judicious comments:—

"Good advice, that should be regarded by the whole fraternity. Enforced charity—legal liability to relieve distress is no part of the Masonic system, nor in accord with its teachings or principles. It recognizes the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; and seeks to cultivate the finer feelings of its members, to make of mankind one family, all of whom shall recognize that the highest reward that can be secured is the consciousness of doing good. The mutual benefit plan—the insurance idea—the fixed amount of relief, the payment of which may be enforced by proceedings in the civil courts, has no touch of charity, and when, if ever, such a system is adopted by the *Ancient Order* its excellence and its glory is gone. The idea of pecuniary benefit and true Masonic feeling are wholly inconsistent. And those who seek to enter its portals for any purpose other than social, moral and intellectual improvement are actuated by unworthy motives and should always be rejected. Masonry is not a popular institution; and its value is not to be estimated by the number of its initiates, but by the character of its members; and a mere quorum

exceeds in value to the institution and to mankind, hundreds who are actuated by mercenary motives."

He does not believe in the system adopted by California and Pennsylvania relative to the admission of visitors, and upon this question we respectfully refer him to our remarks under the head of Louisiana, Maine and Massachusetts, simply remarking, that it would be a hum-drum sort of world if we all agreed upon every subject: and, that an honest difference of opinion, courteously expressed, carries with it no sting. Comp. O'NFALL is no novice in reportorial work, but for many years has been out of harness. We remember his writings of "auld lang syne," and hail his return to the guild with unqualified pleasure. Under the head of Minnesota, in commenting upon some remarks of Comp. PIERSON, he says:—

"In all which we fully concur, except that we hold, in accordance with Ohio laws, that non-payment of dues is, and ought to be held a Masonic offense, and should subject the offender to the loss of Masonic privileges. This applies only to cases where the brother is able to make the payment. We have too much confidence in Masons to suppose they would treat a brother's misfortunes as a crime, or suspend him for failing to perform that which is not reasonably within his power."

Under New York, upon the same subject he hits the nail square on the head in the following:—

"As to this mode of treating delinquents we say, all right. Subordinate Chapters have full power to make the proper discrimination, and in Ohio rarely if ever fail to do so. They are more prone to remit the dues of those who have no claim for charitable consideration than to exact them from those who are poor and worthy. We therefore do not share his apprehensions that the institution will 'waste itself entirely by the cutting off process.' We have yet never known a truly worthy Mason, who was able, refuse the payment of dues, nor do we expect that we ever shall. Good men or Masons, who are able, do not refuse to pay an honest debt, nor to contribute their fair proportion of the expenses of an institution, the benefits and pleasures of which they enjoy."

Such utterances are refreshing. Take a glance at our own views, Comp. O'NEAL, under the head of New York. One more extract, and we reluctantly take leave of this genial knight of the quill. Under the caption of Quebec he says:—

"The rule in Ohio is settled, we hope, and works well. A companion who fails to pay his dues, is, after reasonable time and personal notice, suspended, and for the time being deprived of all Masonic privileges; but the simple payment or remission of dues, removes the suspension and restores to membership. But a companion who can and will not, conform to his obligations and pay his reasonable share of the expenses of an institution from which he derives benefit and pleasure, is guilty of a Masonic offense, and should receive Masonic punishment. But let him be fairly tried by his peers, as by the Ohio rule he must be; and if guilty of contumaciously or meanly withholding the pittance which the law demands and which every manly and fraternal feeling should prompt him to pay, he is unfit material: let him be deprived of the privileges he is unworthy to enjoy, until such time as reformation shall have entitled him to the confidence of the companions and a clear ballot."

"The rule has no terrors to worthy companions who feel the frowns of fortune. The Masonic body that would distress a worthy member by demanding dues which he is unable to pay, is devoid of the distinguishing Masonic characteristics and should cease to exist. The tendency to err is on the other side, and to remit the dues of those who can and ought to pay."

There are in this jurisdiction one hundred and forty-five subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 9,507.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

OREGON.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Portland on the ninth day of May, 1882,—the M. E. DAVID P. MASON, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. R. P. EARNHART being Grand Secretary. The proceedings reached us after our report had gone to press, and consequently we are compelled to review them more hurriedly than we otherwise should have done. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says: "The year just ended has been like the preceding one, harmonious in Capitular Masonry, and while some of our sister jurisdictions are compelled to bewail a lack of interest on the part of their subordinates, we have the pleasure to report all of ours in a flourishing condition. Loyalty to all the rules, regulations and edicts of this Grand Chapter is observed, and we can truly say that we are a united and contented family."

No decisions were reported, as all questions propounded to him had been readily answered by reference to constituted authority. He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He thinks the work adopted by the General Grand Chapter was intended "merely as a guide and not as a special *mandate* to be given *word for word as reported*," and suggests that they conform as nearly to the text as it is possible "*under the circumstances*." He says: "this Grand Chapter has gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to get the *ritual* uniformly taught, and have succeeded admirably well, and now to go to work and *undo* all that has been done, it seems to me, will work a great hardship upon the subordinate Chapters."

He granted but one special dispensation during his term of office, and that was to allow a subordinate Chapter to receive and ballot upon the petition of a companion for restoration, who was upon his death bed, and whose dying request it was, to be restored to good standing in the Order before entering the "dark valley." If those Grand High Priests who grant special dispensations by wholesale, could assign so good a reason for their issue, we should make no complaint at the exercise of this prerogative.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$388 90. The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:—

"Members of Chapters and sojourning companions may be brought to trial for unmasonic conduct by a subordinate Chapter, and if found guilty may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled. No companion shall be pronounced guilty unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter, at any time within three months thereafter, may take an appeal to the Grand Chapter, and on his application being made in writing it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the proceedings had in the case with the original testimony. That all testimony shall be reduced to writing."

A committee of three was appointed to codify and submit all existing standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter. It was declared, by resolution, to be unmasonic for any High Priest in that jurisdiction to induct a candidate until after he has selected a mark. The following resolution was laid upon the table:—

"*Resolved*, That no Chapter within this jurisdiction shall hereafter admit to membership any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors."

The Special Committee on Work presented the following report:—

"*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Oregon*:—

"We, your committee to whom was referred that part of M. E. Grand High Priest's Address relating to the new work, would respectfully report: That what purports to be the new work, bears no evidence of having emanated from any competent authority. That if authorized, it is only directory and not mandatory. That it differs but little on any of the essential points from the work now in use. That no further action be had in the matter except to approve the continuance of the present work."

Upon motion the report was referred back to the committee, who after further deliberation, reported as follows:—

"We, your committee, to whom was referred so much of the High Priest's Address as refers to the work or ritual of the jurisdiction, beg leave to report, as heretofore, with the same recommendation as embodied in the two last clauses of our report heretofore made."

Whether or not the report was adopted, does not appear.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. Parron is the report *par excellence* of the year. We cannot do justice to it in the short time afforded us, but its perusal has

afforded us infinite pleasure. On nearly all essential points, our views are in accord, and the few minor points of difference we attribute to the humidity of the climate in which "he lives, moves and has his being."

Sixty pages of the report is devoted to a general discussion of the various questions which now occupy the attention of the Masonic writers of the day, and upon which his own opinions and those of the whole reportorial fraternity are collated into a most interesting and enjoyable *melange*. He first pitches into the practice of moving to "dispense with the reading of the minutes," usually made in this and many other jurisdictions, after the opening of the Annual Convocation. Upon this subject he says:

"We are prompted to make this enquiry from the fact that the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Maine, (from which we quote the above) of Rhode Island, California, New York, Maryland, and several other jurisdictions, show that a formal vote was taken at the opening of each Annual Convocation to dispense with the reading of the record of the preceding Convocation. This action prompts the query: What relation, if any, does one Annual Convocation bear to another which would justify such a vote and record?

"We claim that each Annual Convocation is complete of itself: entirely independent of, and distinct from, the preceding or succeeding Convocations. The business transacted at an Annual Convocation cannot be reached by the succeeding one, except by amendment or appeal."

We answer the question by saying that it is frequently the case that matters are laid over from one Annual Convocation to another, and, although the minutes are read and approved at the close of each Convocation, it becomes a matter of some importance to know if those minutes have been correctly transcribed into the record, which, as a whole, has not been approved. The minutes are approved *as read*; but, in making up the record for publication, they may be designedly, or inadvertently changed, in which case, they might on motion be amended.

He expatiates at considerable length upon the power and prerogatives of Grand High Priests, and in doing so, he gives Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, some tolerably sharp rubs. As we took up the cudgels for Comp. PATTON, and got the conceit taken out of us from the same quarter, we give a part of his argument on the question. He says:—

"It will be remembered that some two years since, Past Grand High Priest CONGLE, in his annual Address, recommended that the Constitution of our Grand Chapter be so amended as to invest the Grand High Priest with full power to suspend any Royal Arch Mason for unmasonic conduct, until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. This recommendation was referred to a special committee, of which the writer was named as one.

"In considering this question, the committee were divided. The majority, favoring the recommendation, presented for adoption the following additional section, to wit:—

"Section 35. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases of urgent necessity, discipline any Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction for unmasonic conduct, but no longer than the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and he shall have the power to suspend any High Priest, or to revoke a charter, for the repeated failure and refusal to enforce the Masonic law."

"In opposition to the principle involved in this new constitutional amendment, we embodied in our minority report certain reasons why the same should not be adopted. Among the number was the following:—

"First.—That the power given to the Grand High Priest by this proposed amendment exceeds even the power and prerogative of Grand Masters, who existed before Constitutions were formed; that the most liberal construction of a Grand Master's prerogative would not justify the exercise of the power of suspension, except as to officers of the Grand and subordinate Lodges, and then only from the functions of their respective offices."

"In presenting this view of the question we innocently supposed that the sentiments expressed were in full accord with those of every American Grand Masonic Body, and that no one outside of our jurisdiction would question the correctness of our statement. Imagine our surprise, then, when we found that our learned and distinguished friend and companion, JORIAN H. DRUMMOND, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, not only questions the

"This unexpected opposition from such an unexpected source somewhat disturbs our usual equanimity, and compels us to 'inquire diligently' whether we are actually *ourselves*, or whether we are somebody else. He not only informs us that '*we are in error*', but humbles our pride still further by assuring us that the Masons of Maine and Massachusetts '*cannot repress a smile*' at our opposition to a principle which he claims has been recognized in those jurisdictions 'from time immemorial.'

"It has become a chronic habit with our good friend DRUMMOND to connect Massachusetts with Maine in every discussion where reference is made to 'Ancient usage.' In the present instance there is no exception to the general rule—Massachusetts is connected as usual.

"It would seem to us that the evidence of Companion DADMON as to Massachusetts' idea on this question would be equally as acceptable to the average reader as that of Companion DRUMMOND. It has the virtue of being direct and positive, at least. Reviewing the question, Companion DADMON gives expression in these words:—

"The Grand Chapter of Oregon, by adopting the majority report, has placed herself on record as wielding the most arbitrary power of any Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge in this country, or any other.'

"If this is a sample of the *smile* referred to by Companion DRUMMOND, which could not be 'repressed' by our Massachusetts companions, we certainly cannot feel very much humiliated; in fact, we are rather pleased with it, and will say in truth and soberness, that if a mere *smile* produces such pleasant feelings, we would like to experience the effects of a good hearty laugh from the same source.

"Companion DRUMMOND does not deem the question of even sufficient importance to inform us, or those who concur in our view, why he considers us 'in error.' With his usual self-complacency, he points to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and says:—

"The provision giving the Grand Master power to suspend a Mason, until the next session of the Grand Lodge is given in the Constitutions of Maine, Massachusetts and other Grand Lodges, while it is held in other jurisdictions that the power is inherent in the Grand Master.'

"It is very evident from the above that Companion DRUMMOND regards the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine as the Magna Charta of American Masonic Liberty, and that every custom, usage, regulation or Constitutional provision observed, enacted and in force in other jurisdictions not in harmony with the text of that venerated instrument is absolutely null and void.

"We are not prepared to accord this high honor to any Grand Lodge jurisdiction, particularly that of Maine, if it recognizes the principle as claimed by its exponent, Companion DRUMMOND.

"There seems to be a disposition manifested by our companion to have every Masonic question examined by the aid of a 'DRUMMOND light,' and, after a critical examination, have the same weighed, measured and stamped by the 'DRUMMOND gauge,' which is the Maine standard.

"Had our good friend confined himself to the simple fact, as contained in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, it would have obviated the necessity for future explanation and given him much less trouble to maintain his position. We have already shown, by the testimony of Companion DADMON, that Massachusetts repudiates the alliance sought to be maintained, and we hope to be able before we close this article to satisfy any unprejudiced mind that the 'other Grand Lodges,' and 'Grand jurisdictions,' referred to by Companion DRUMMOND, exist only in his imagination.

"In discussing another phase of this subject, Companion DRUMMOND asserts with emphasis, that 'suspension, when the term is used alone, means suspension from Masonic rights.' We hope Companion DRUMMOND will stick to this proposition, and not attempt to make any metaphysical explanations or qualifications. With this view, then, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine authorizes the Grand Master to suspend from all Masonic rights, until the next session of the Grand Lodge. But our friend says, by way of condolence:—

"Companion PATTON assumes, and so have others who have discussed it, that a Mason will be punished without trial, hearing or notice; but all this is a *non sequitur*; it no more follows that the Grand Master will suspend a Mason without trial, because he has the power of suspension, than that a Lodge will, because it has the power.'

"If this is the case, then the Constitutional provision giving this power to the Grand Master is a dead letter, notwithstanding he refers to it as *the law upon the subject*.

"If the prerogative of the Grand Master, as granted by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine (and as claimed to exist in Massachusetts and other Grand Lodge Constitutions) means anything it means just what it says: 'Shall have power to suspend a brother until next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge,' and that is just what Companion DRUMMOND is endeavoring to impress upon our minds can be done in Maine.

"If the power thus granted is ever exercised the brother is punished without trial; if it is not exercised then it is a dead letter, and ought to be repealed. As an additional dose of condolence, for our especial benefit, our companion adds:—

"We have never heard of an abuse of this power, nor that a Mason has been deprived of his rights without a hearing."

"No, and what is more, the probabilities are that he never will, for the simple reason that no Mason with sufficient intelligence for the office of Grand Master or Grand High Priest would ever regard this provision of the Constitution in any other light than a gross usurpation of power, contrary to the ancient landmarks."

"Let us look at this question for a moment and see *who* is 'in error':—

"The old York Constitution of 928, which certainly ante-dates the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, contains, among other things, this declaration:— (Point 16.)

"If a Mason live amiss, or slander his brother, so as to bring the Craft to shame, he shall have no further maintenance among the brethren, but shall be summoned to the next Grand Lodge; and if he refuse he shall be expelled."

"Note the difference: The Ancient Regulations declare that the offending brother *shall be summoned*, etc., while the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, to which our companion refers as supreme authority on the question, says: *May suspend from all Masonic rights* (the term is used alone) until the next Grand Lodge."

"There is a slight difference between being *summoned* and *suspended*. One is a preliminary act, without impairing or abridging in any manner any of the rights or privileges of the brother summoned, while the other is a final act, whereby the brother is deprived absolutely of *all* his rights and privileges during the period of suspension. One (the Ancient Regulation) recognizes the right to be heard before condemnation, while the other (the Maine Constitution) condemns and executes without a hearing, which is in direct violation of 'That standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction.'

"We deny most emphatically the right of any Grand Master or Grand High Priest, in Maine or elsewhere, to suspend a brother or companion from any of his Masonic rights, for even a single day, without an opportunity to be heard in his defense. The fact that such power is delegated to them by their Constitutions does not, by any means, release them from their obligation to adhere to the 'ancient landmarks,' and prevent any infringement thereof."

"Companion H. M. Look in his excellent treatise on 'Masonic Trials,' discussing the powers of Masters and Grand Masters in Masonic trials, gives this view, which certainly commends itself to every intelligent Mason. He says:—

"Whatever action either a Master or Grand Master may take in his single official capacity, as touching a *Masonic trial*, is only of a preliminary, incidental, or interlocutory character. It does not and cannot reach the merits of the case. He cannot adjudicate as to the question of guilt or innocence, for he is not the tribunal itself, but only the presiding head of the tribunal."

"In our examination of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine we find certain provisions which might to some appear as conflicting. For instance, Article VIII, Section 14, says:—

"And for dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he (the Grand Master) *may suspend a brother* until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reasons for such arrest in writing."

"As an antidote for the evil contained in the foregoing provision, we quote from Article IV, Section 52, of same document, which says:—

"Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a brother under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offense, which if proved would subject him to *suspension*, he shall have a *fair and impartial trial*."

"When Grand Masters are installed in Maine they solemnly promise 'to comply strictly with the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge,' etc., etc."

"It would be a matter of satisfaction to have Companion DRUMMOND explain how a Grand Master, under his official obligation, can exercise the power given to him in the one and comply with the other of these two sections."

"Is it possible to execute the first without violating the second? Can a Grand Master suspend a brother when you guarantee him a fair and impartial trial before suspending him?"

"We contend that Masonic law and practice in American Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters will justify us in making the following declarations:—

"First. That penal jurisdiction and the enforcement of Masonic discipline belongs exclusively to Lodges and Grand Lodges."

"In support of this we offer for your consideration the following authorities, to wit:—

"The sixth Ancient Charge says:—

"any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award

and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies.

"Again, the ninth General Regulation says:—

"But if any brother so far misbehave himself, as to render his Lodge uneasy, he shall be twice duly admonished by the Master or Wardens, in a formed Lodge, and, if he will not refrain his imprudence and absolutely submit to the advice of his brethren, and reform what gives them offense, he shall be dealt with according to the By-Laws of that particular Lodge,' etc., etc.

"Lodges and Grand Lodges are the only tribunals having jurisdiction to try and punish for Masonic offenses."—[*H. M. Look's Masonic Trials.*]

"We believe in the simple doctrine that subordinate Lodges are sovereign bodies, and that any action which infringes with that sovereignty is of necessity illegal and void.

The reserved powers of the Lodge are inherent, and cannot be interfered with by any act of the Grand Lodge; nay more, we insist that their powers cannot be delegated, for their possession by the subordinate body is a landmark—a fundamental principle—that no man or body of men can remove.

Among the inherent powers of a Lodge are: To place on trial a member against whom charges may have been preferred, to pronounce sentence and enforce discipline.' [Simons' *Jurisprudence*, p. 76.]

"A Lodge exercises penal jurisdiction over all its members."—[*Mackey's Jurisprudence.*]

"Second. That suspension cannot be pronounced against a brother without divesting him of all his Masonic rights, during the period of his suspension.

"Perhaps Companions DRUMMOND, DADMON and DEASY will dissent from this proposition. The law, however, on this point is equally as clear and explicit as upon any of the other propositions:—

"A sentence of suspension shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Lodge, but shall operate as suspension in the meantime."—[*Drummond's Text Book.*]

"During the period of actual suspension, he is prohibited from the exercise and enjoyment of any of his Masonic privileges." [H. M. Look's *Masonic Trials.*]

"Definite suspension deprives the offender of the rights and privileges of Masonry during the time specified in the sentence."—[*Lockwood's Jurisprudence.*]

"By the operation of this penalty (definite suspension) a Mason is for the time prohibited from the exercise of all his Masonic privileges."—[*Mackey's Jurisprudence.*]

"Definite suspension, whether the period be one year or one day, the suspended brother is deprived of all his Masonic rights, except the right to resume his place in the Craft when the suspension expires by limitation."—[*Simons' Jurisprudence. Tennessee Text Book.*]

"Third. That every brother is entitled to the benefit of the presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

"In Maine, if the Grand Master can exercise his prerogative in regard to the suspension of a brother, the reverse of this proposition is true. The brother is considered guilty, until proven to be innocent; at least, he is hung first and tried afterwards. The law, however, justifies no such proceedings.

"The presumption of innocence is continued until the accused is pronounced guilty, after a regular trial."—[*Drummond's Digest.*]

"Until the final verdict is pronounced by the Lodge, he is entitled to the presumption of innocence and remains in good standing."—[*Simons' Jurisprudence.*]

"Is entitled to the benefit of the presumption of innocence."—[*Lockwood's Jurisprudence.*]

"The accused is entitled to the presumption of innocence till found guilty."—[*Tennessee Text Book.*]

"He is presumed to be innocent until proven to be guilty, and may vote on all matters not involved in the charges."—[H. M. Look's *Masonic Trials.*]

"Fourth. Every brother is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing before the Lodge, before any punishment can be inflicted.

"There is but one sentiment on this question, which is harmonious throughout the whole Masonic family. Even the Grand Lodge of Maine makes no dissent, but declares with the rest, that—

"No punishment can be inflicted upon a Mason until after due trial."—[*Drummond's Digest.*]

"It is the *magna charta* of Masonic liberty, that no Mason can be punished or deprived of any of the privileges of Masonry except upon conviction after trial.

No sentence of suspension can be imposed upon any Mason, except after the most solemn forms of trial, and then only by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present."—[*Mackey's Jurisprudence.*]

"The right to a Masonic trial by his peers is to the Mason, as to the citizen, the inviolable safeguard of all his other rights, and it is therefore an unchangeable law that the recognized punishments of Masonry can only be inflicted after a regular

"It is an inflexible principle of Masonic law that no Mason can be suspended or expelled, nor in any way punished, nor deprived of any Masonic right or privilege whatsoever, without charges and specifications, regularly filed, and due trial and conviction thereupon, with opportunity of the accused to appear and defend. This principle has been affirmed with one unanimous voice by Grand Lodges and leading Masonic jurists throughout the world."—[*H. M. Look's Masonic Trials.*]

"Fifth. Every brother possesses an inherent right to appeal from any decision of the Lodge or Master.

"We don't think any one will question this right, and yet, if the prerogative granted by the Maine Constitution, to suspend a brother, can be sustained as sound in principle, this right is absolutely denied a brother in that jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge must of necessity, in such cases, assume original jurisdiction, and pass upon the reasons assigned by the Grand Master for this act. It could not consistently act as an appellate body and review its own conclusions and decisions.

"The right of appeal is an inherent right, belonging to every Mason, and the Grand Lodge is the appellate body to whom the appeal is to be made.

"It may be considered as one of the most important prerogatives that a Mason possesses."—[*Mackey's Jurisprudence.*]

"Any brother feeling aggrieved by the sentence of any Lodge, or decision of the Master, has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge."—[*Lookwood's Jurisprudence.*]

"The natural sequence of the right to a fair and impartial trial is the right of appeal."—[*Simons' Jurisprudence.*]

"This great right is inalienable and indefeasible, and it is not in the power of any Grand Lodge, nor any body of Masons, whomsoever, to deny, abridge, repeal or modify."—[*Look's Masonic Trials.*]

Comp. PATTON then quotes from numerous correspondents and distinguished Masons in support of his position, which he commends to the attention of Comp. DRUMMOND and all others interested.

Having had his say on matters in general, Companion PATTON proceeds to review the proceedings of each Grand Chapter separately. His list is full, with the exception of South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin, making thirty-eight in all. He is somewhat exercised over the non-receipt of the missing ones, but they are a long way off. What we would like to know is, why we, living next door, as it were, cannot get the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in time for review? It is not in one or two instances that we have failed, but almost always; Oregon is eternally at the "tail end of the heap," which, as it seems to be unnecessary, and deprives us of the pleasure of carefully reviewing the excellent Reports on Correspondence, raises our Ebenezer. We do not blame Comp. PATTON, but we would like to get hold of that Grand Secretary, and pull his *Ear-hart* once or twice as a gentle reminder. Of California for 1881, he says:—

"Companion HENRY SAYRE ORME, Grand High Priest elect, gave the Grand Chapter an account of his visit to the General Grand Chapter; and, referring to the ritual adopted by the General Grand Body, gives assurance, as the record says, 'that the work in this jurisdiction is so nearly similar, that no change in our ritual need be made, or is required.' This is quite consoling to our California companions—that their work was so near perfect that no change is required."

After quoting, approvingly, several portions of our report, he gives us a black-eye in the following:—

"The following, however, is not so satisfactory. He contends that a rejected candidate can re-petition, under certain circumstances, at a subsequent Convocation."

You appear to have totally misapprehended us, companion. Of course a rejected candidate cannot again apply until the expiration of the Constitutional time, except by the unanimous act of the rejecting Chapter. For the formula to be observed, see the Address of Past Grand High Priest BROWNE, pages 10 and 11, Proceedings of 1879—which is the law in this jurisdiction, and provides a means whereby mistakes may be corrected, or an injustice remedied.

He pays us a handsome compliment in the following, for which we propose to "set em up" next August:—

"It is impossible for us in the brief space allotted, to give our readers even a fair view of the proceedings of this jurisdiction."

It is of unusual interest and will repay any one interested in Masonry to read it carefully, then they will be prepared to agree with us that the half has not been told."

We are forced to leave this most interesting report right here, as the printer's familiar spirit is howling for copy, and only Oregon is wanting to complete the job.

M. E. Comp. JAMES F. ROBINSON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E. R. P.* EARNHART was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The eighteen subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 651.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter held its seventy-first Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston on the fourteenth day of February, 1882,—the *M. E.* J. ADGER SMITH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary. Nineteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest gives evidence of care and thought, and breathes the true spirit of Masonry. His exordium is eloquent and impressive, and his allusions to the "deceased companions" touching and tender. Of the state of the Order, he says:—

"It is with great pleasure that I feel that I can honestly report that in our own jurisdiction there has certainly been no decline, and there are visible many signs of budding promise, which assure us 'that there is life in the old land yet,' and make us sanguine for the future. Brotherly love prevails throughout our entire borders, and I have not been called upon to hear, much less to decide upon, a single case of grievance during the past year, nor do I know of any matters of appeal to come before your Grand Body. This is cause for heartfelt congratulation. The Grand Secretary's report, however, will show considerable dereliction on the part of some of the subordinate Chapters, with regard to their dues to the Grand Chapter, and upon this point I urge your careful but decisive action."

His official acts were few and unimportant, and no questions were asked or answered during the year. With reference to finances he says:—

"Our financial condition is such that we must act promptly as well as decisively, and whatever may be the causes of the difficulties, as a matter of vital importance, we must remove them. For several years past our expenses have exceeded our receipts, a state of things that ought not to exist. I am aware that I am treading upon dangerous ground in alluding to this subject, but as a business man, I am talking to business men, who, by becoming Royal Arch Masons, are not supposed to have left their business education behind them. This question of receipts and expenditures should be divested of all sentiment, and placed upon simple business principles, and when the Grand Chapter so determines, the solution is simple, and the result is certain."

From the Report of the Committee to whom the Address was referred, we extract the following:—

"Your Committee is however hopeful, and we trust that we have reached the lowest ebb. The tide is bound to turn, for the beauties and truths of Capitular Masonry are immortal. Long after the many societies now offering worldly inducements shall have passed into oblivion, Capitular Masonry will survive, rejuvenated, and stronger than ever. We own that hard times have pressed us, and pressed us sorely; but if we are true to ourselves, we shall overcome all obstacles of whatsoever nature they may be. The remedies for the evil complained of in the Grand High Priest's Address, have been already considered yesterday, and, no doubt, the Committee on Finance will suggest additional means of curtailing our expenses.

Your Committee are of the decided opinion that a curtailing of the mileage and per diem, as suggested, would add to our embarrassment, rather than procure the desired relief."

This reminds us of the passenger who clung to his bags of gold while the ship was sinking beneath his feet. The accounts of the Grand Chapter show a deficiency of \$250 16, two years salary, (\$400) being due the Grand Secretary, who appears to be alone in his willingness to sacrifice self-interest for that of the Grand Chapter, as he proposes to wait another year for half the amount due him. This, taken in connection with the reduction of twenty-five *per cent.* on his salary, proves that our companions of South Carolina appreciate the style of patriotism exhibited by the late

Artemus Ward, who expressed a willingness to sacrifice all his wife's relations upon the altar of his country's liberty. They had the grace, however, to relieve him from further preparation of Reports on Correspondence, until further orders. As these reports are buried in the archives of the Grand Chapter, year after year, this action will have little interest for companions without that jurisdiction. The sum of \$245 was appropriated to pay the mileage and *per diem* of officers and delegates. The Committee on Finance recommend an amendment to the Constitution, tending to compress all the business of the annual convocations into one day, and thus cut short the amount of *per diem* one-half. We predict that this amendment, which was laid over for consideration at the next annual convocation, will not be adopted. The Grand Sentinel's remuneration was fixed at five dollars per day, in anticipation of the adoption of the above; the inference being that it is the intention to economize at the expense of those who do all the work, that the mileage and *per diem* may be paid.

Ninety days time was allowed to Chapters in arrears to pay their dues, or assign a satisfactory excuse for noncompliance; otherwise their charters go into the pocket of the Grand High Priest.

Eighteen subordinate Chapters make returns, showing a total membership of 458. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Nashville on the third day of February, 1882,—the *M. E.* GIDEON R. GWYNNE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Secretary. Forty-four out of seventy-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is of the briefest, and contains little of interest to the general reader. He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of *M. E.* Comp. GEORGE S. BLACKIE, of whom he says: "He filled many positions in our Order and filled them well. He was a rare scholar, a true, earnest man, a devoted Mason, a courteous and magnanimous Knight. 'Worthy of the distinguished honors he won while living, and of the most tender and regretful memories now that he is dead.'"

Among his official acts the Grand High Priest regretfully reports the arrest of the charters of seventeen subordinate Chapters for delinquency in the matter of returns and dues. Some of them had not met for months, and others had made no report to the Grand Chapter for years. Such Chapters are neither a credit nor profit to the fraternity, and we applaud the action of the Grand High Priest in putting an end to their worthless existence.

He says, the condition of the Order demands most serious attention; it is not as flourishing as it ought to be, and he fears that if left to itself for a few years longer, it "will settle into that apathy and indifference that is worse than death." He believes, however, that if an earnest effort is made immediately, it could be easily aroused to a new life and a promising future. Let us hope the effort will be made and crowned with complete success.

He urgently recommends the appointment of a Grand Visitor or Grand Lecturer, and says, "from the mountains to the Mississippi there has been one universal cry, 'send us a Grand Officer or general lecturer.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, in consideration of the straitened condition of the finances, recommended that the present system be continued for another year, and that the Grand High Priest be requested to select some competent companion in each Congressional District to impart instruction and especially to endeavor to rouse the companions to new life and activity.

Returns from seventy-three Chapters show a total membership of 2,385.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM E. EASTMAN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Houston on the fourteenth day of December, 1882,—the M. E. PETTON NOWLIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the M. E. R. BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Forty-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined entirely to matters of local interest. Three dispensations were issued for the formation of new Chapters. Seven Chapters forfeited their charters by failing to meet for three consecutive months, but were allowed to resume labor until the Annual Convocation. Several decisions were rendered, but mostly of local interest. He decided that a petition for degrees, after being read, could not be withdrawn, and that the By-Laws of a Chapter could not be suspended.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1,656 17.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. ROBERT M. ELGIN imparts some degree of interest to what would otherwise be a dull volume to those without the jurisdiction, and we turn with pleasure from the dry details of routine business to the pleasant perusal of its cheery pages. California for 1882, naturally first attracts our attention.

He quotes approvingly from Comp. ORRIS's Address, and of the portion relative to making Masonry popular, he says :—

"We think the rapid collapse of various kinds of life insurance schemes, within the last year, has been a lesson to the advocates of Masonic life insurance that will pretty effectually settle the question, if the discussion and general condemnation of them by Masonic writers had not already done so. In regard to the modern secret societies, we think there is more danger. They are calculated to inoculate the legislation and practice of our Masonic bodies with their new ideas and practices. There is no remedy for this, except to adhere more firmly to the Ancient landmarks and regulations of the Order. So long as we abide by them, we need not fear either the dangers from without, or within. But there is too great a disposition to change, even among the great leaders in our ranks. There is too much self-confidence among them, resulting in a desire to make Masonry what *they* think it ought to be, rather than what its framers made it."

In concluding his notice of California, he takes our breath away in the following :—

"M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIS, of Sacramento, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. THOS. H. CARWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary. The latter comes about as near being the Grand Chapter as any one man can. He is Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Past Grand High Priest, and Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee; and what is more, is a God-like Mason, for he 'doeth all things well.'"

We surrender the cake.

Under the head of Colorado he says :—

"Comp. A. W. WOODBURY furnishes a very spirited Report on Correspondence. He starts out with the statement that he has but a limited stock of taffy on hand, and calls on all the Mutuals to walk up and help themselves to that portion of praise that each one of them likes best. He is of opinion that too much praise is contained in these reports, and scattered too promiscuously. We opine that by the time Comp. WOODBURY has been pitted with paper bullets thrown from every jurisdiction between Nova Scotia and Texas, and from Florida to Oregon, his opinions criticised and ridiculed, his bad spelling, made worse by the printers, exposed, his sophistries laid bare, and his arguments controverted; for a few years he will conclude that a little praise from those he has learned to respect, is by no means disagreeable.

"While it may be true that praise is too indiscriminately strewn, yet we have noticed in all the walks of life, from the time the infant first attempts to walk, until he reaches the pinnacle of his ambition, the encouraging words of praise from those he loved or respected, have stimulated him to efforts he might not have made, and given him success, where but for that he would have failed."

Upon the question of reception of petitions, under the head of Illinois, he says :—

"The question of the reception of the *petition* of Mr. SMITH by the Body is one thing, and the reception of Mr. SMITH *himself* is another, and very different one. The

former may be respectful in language, complete in form, and in every way a proper document for the consideration of the Body. On the other hand, when the question comes up as to whether the Body shall receive Mr. SMITH, he may be found entirely unworthy. On the other hand, Mr. JONES may be a very exemplary citizen. But his petition may be carelessly drawn, informal and not a proper document to be considered by the Body. Or it may show that the party is a minor, or a resident of another jurisdiction, all of which are questions that the Body itself, by a majority vote, must decide. To expedite business it is usual for the presiding officer to say: 'If there is no objection the petition will take the usual course.' If there is no objection there is no vote taken, and the effect of an objection is simply to bring it to a vote."

He quotes the astounding assertion of Comp. HORNOR of Louisiana, that a Grand Chapter has no right to prescribe suspension as a penalty for non-payment of dues; upon which he thus sensibly comments:

"We must dissent from every proposition contained in this extract. Every legislative body in the land, from the town council to the United States Congress, has the right to prescribe what are offenses and what shall be the penalty therefor. Not only is this the case, but unless prescribed by law, there is no offense; and unless a penalty is affixed by law, the courts can inflict no punishment. Murder itself is no legal crime in the absence of a law defining it as such, and when so defined, the criminal goes free unless the law provides what the punishment shall be. And so it is in the Chapter. The Grand Chapter, in its wisdom, has the right to define what is an offense, and Comp. HORNOR nor any other individual Mason has the right to set such law at defiance. It is a doctrine subversive of all authority, and we are surprised that Comp. HORNOR should endorse it. If a Mason is suspended or expelled by the laws of the jurisdiction, he has his right of appeal to the Grand Body. If he fails to appeal, or if his appeal is not sustained, no individual in the State or out of it, whatever may be his private opinion of its jurisdiction, has a right to rebel against it."

Again, we fully concur with him in the following, under the head of Massachusetts. In reviewing Comp. DADMON's report, he says:

"We concur with him so fully on most of the mooted questions of the day that we find little in his report to discuss. It is true there is much in it that is instructive, but we cannot copy it entire, and our companions must take our word for it.

"But under the head of Alabama he expresses himself as totally opposed to suspension from the rights and benefits of Masonry for non-payment of dues, and says there is not a particle of justice in such a law. In this we must differ from him. We consider the Mason, who willfully sets the By-Laws of his Chapter at defiance and meanly throws upon others the burden of its support, guilty of unmasonic conduct, and as grossly violates his obligations as the man who debases himself by habits of intemperance. True, the effects may not be as disastrous, but the moral turpitude is no less apparent."

There is much more we would gladly quote in this excellent report, but the proceedings arrived after our report went to press, and we have no time, therefore, for a thorough review. We hope to have an opportunity to review Comp. ELGIN in person in August next.

This jurisdiction has twenty-nine subordinate chapters with an aggregate membership of 3,406.

The M. E. S. M. WILLIAMS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER, was re-elected Grand Secretary. The next annual convocation will be held in the city of Houston on the eleventh day of December, 1883.

VERMONT.

The sixty-fifth annual convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Burlington, on the sixteenth day of June, 1882,—the M. E. HOMER M. PHELPS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters—twenty-five—were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally devoted to mortuary notices, and the few official acts reported are entirely of local interest.

The proceedings fail to present a salient point for criticism or review, until we come to the Report on Correspondence by Comp. EDWARD S. DANA. Here we strike a lead of "pay dirt," and proceed to follow it up. The proceedings of thirty-eight

Grand Chapters are reviewed in the genial style characteristic of the writer. California, for 1881, receives a fair share of his attention, and is kindly and courteously reviewed. He quotes approvingly from the Address of M. E. Comp. TUNNIN, and from our report of that year, which he is pleased to call a "wise and thoughtful one." He says:—

"Vermont is somewhat briefly reviewed by Comp. CASWELL, for 1880; but we hope he will talk more of us, or to us, when we get out to see the big seals at the Cliff House near the Golden Gate, and eat that peculiar schrimp salad which Californians relish, and which would make a Digger Indian look happy, fresh from a repast of grasshoppers.

"We would gladly linger longer with Comp. CASWELL's Report, but as he is so near the top of the alphabet we feel that we must hasten to say farewell."

We assure Comp. DANA that it will afford us great pleasure to accompany him to the Cliff, and partake with him of Mine Host FOSTER's inimitable *shrimp* salad, and also witness and test the development of his *muscles*. If, then, he does not cry "talk enough," we will test his endurance on a terrapin stew, an institution that few from beyond the Sierras can successfully wrestle with.

Under the head of Iowa, he says:—

"Companion DEWEY is somewhat exercised in his mind on the formation of a General Grand Council, and assumes a somewhat belligerent tone, if it shall in any-wise interfere with the Mississippi amalgamation plan in the balliwick of Iowa. We trust our honored companion will not get on his war paint, but rather try to bring harmony out of chaos by deferring to the preference of a great majority of the Councils in the country, and letting the Councils and Chapters run independently, and still with the kindest of feeling toward each other."

Under the head of Michigan, he says:—

"He also decided that a High Priest has no right to instruct the Secretary to omit the recording of certain transactions of the Chapter, and no right to refuse to entertain a motion to correct the records by inserting matter so omitted by the order of the High Priest.

"This decision would be correct if a Masonic body was governed by the same rules as a town meeting or a State Legislature. But we have always been taught that the presiding officer of a Masonic body had much more power in his hands; that he had a right, in his discretion, to refuse to entertain any motion, or, having entertained it, to postpone its consideration. That it was his duty to exercise supervision over the Secretary, to see that the records were properly kept, and that he, and not the Secretary, had the power to decide what 'was proper to be recorded.' If he uses this power too arbitrarily, or to the detriment of the body, he is amenable, not to the body itself, but to the Grand Body of the jurisdiction. This we understand was the rule in Masonry years ago, and we think it would be wise to adhere to it now. Much discretion and power must be vested in a Worshipful Master, or High Priest, to make a body successful, and if he abuses the power, elections are frequent enough for an adequate remedy."

We think the Michigander is correct in his decision; we are no advocate of the doctrine that Masters and High Priests possess extraordinary powers, which place them above and beyond the Constitution. It is the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings as they occur, and the High Priest has no more right to order any portion of the minutes to be omitted or suppressed than the Tyler has. An amendment to the minutes can only be made by vote of the Chapter. A refusal by the High Priest to entertain a motion to correct the minutes by inserting matter omitted by his order, is an assumption of arbitrary power which should bring his official nose to the grindstone of Grand Chapter discipline, and teach him that he is the servant and not the master of the Chapter over whose deliberations he has been elected to preside.

We regret that we can abide no longer with Comp. DANA, but we are rapidly approaching that jurisdiction to which the ambition of every reporter points, viz.: "Conclusion," and the printer's "familiar" stands at our elbow.

The twenty-five subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 1,977.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its seventy-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Lynchburg on the eighth day of August, 1882,—the *M. E.* GEORGE R. ATKINSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS being Grand Secretary. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest bears the palm for brevity, occupying just one page of the proceedings. He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest, JAMES EVANS, who had reached the ripe age of four score and two years; a suitable tribute is paid to his memory by a special committee appointed for that purpose. The official acts of the Grand High Priest were few, and occupied but little time in their recital. The usual stereotyped excuse was given for leaving the Chapters unvisited, yet he says: "Peace has dwelt within our borders, and the past has been a year of great harmony among us, and I feel assured that the reports will show equal prosperity."

The Committee on Work were unable to complete their labors, and were given another year in which to finish it. The custom prevails in this Grand Chapter of meeting in committee of the whole, to "take into consideration the proceedings during recess, and such other matters and things as may tend to the good of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and of this Grand Chapter in particular." We presume our companions have some object in view by this unique proceeding, but we fail to detect it.

A balance in the treasury of \$169 86 is reported.

The committee appointed to prepare a ceremony of installation for Grand Officers, revise the Digest, etc., submitted their report, and the result of their labors is printed with the proceedings. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers indicate anything but an excess of zeal on their part; all of them being filled with regrets, that owing to circumstances they had been unable, etc., etc., the old, old story.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Some fine day this jurisdiction will awaken to the fact that the world has moved while they have been slumbering. We would like to be within punching distance of Comp. ISAACS; a sound thinker, a clear and logical writer, a genial reporter, yet he hides his light under a bushel, and goes to sleep with the rest.

Thirty-three subordinate Chapters show an aggregate membership of 1,392.

The *M. E.* HUGH W. MURRAY was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

We have received at the last moment the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia for 1881-82.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held in the city of Wheeling on the seventh day of November, 1881,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM H. H. FLICK, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:

"During the past year but little progress has been made in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. One of the chief obstacles to our growth has been the numberless mush-room secret beneficial orders, which, born at low twelve, die at the succeeding high noon. Our returns will probably show a slight increase in membership; but a considerable falling off from the ratio of the year before.

"The year before was the year of the Templar Encampment at Chicago, and as usual in triennial years, the cause of Templar Masonry was considerably stimulated, and the only route to the Commandery being through the Chapter, an unusual increase in our membership was the natural result.

"I fear too many, desiring to become Knights Templar, knock at the doors of our Chapters because it is the only way to the Commandery, and when they have reached the object of their desires, become blind to the attractions of our most beautiful ritual and utterly indifferent to the success or failure of the Chapter through which they have passed. While such companions increase the membership in our

subordinate Chapters, and contribute to the funds of the cause (if they do not dimt) the example they set is very demoralizing, and it is questionable whether Capitular Masonry would not be better off without them. They belong to the class usually denominated 'dress parade Masons,' and are rarely seen except on some public occasion, when they are out in all their glory.

"My labors during the past year have been exceedingly light. Not a dispensation has been asked for, not an appeal has been taken, not a grievance has been reported. Surely the set phrase, 'Peace and harmony prevail within our borders,' is applicable to us."

He recommended that fees for affiliation be abolished, and the Grand Chapter adopted the recommendation.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$136 93.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter deems it inexpedient to place itself under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that all committees heretofore appointed and now in existence, having this matter under consideration, are hereby discharged."

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Wheeling on the thirteenth day of November, 1882,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM H. FREEMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief and confined to local affairs.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$213.36.

The Grand Secretary in his report says:—

"Soon after the close of the Convocation in November, 1881, I sent to the several Chapters in this jurisdiction and to the several Grand Chapters in the United States, a circular embodying in brief a statement of the business transacted. I am fully aware of the criticism of the several Grand Chapters whose committees on Foreign Correspondence have referred to our custom of biennial publication, but I have not yet seen any good reason advanced why we should not legislate to suit our own convenience without regard to the opinion of brethren in distant jurisdictions. So far as I have been able to learn from companions in West Virginia, the plan of biennial publication of proceedings is entirely satisfactory."

That is right Comp. LONG. Go for those fellows who utterly ignore the eleventh commandment. Suppose West Virginia desires to publish her proceedings annually, biennially or centennially, whose business is it but her own? She follows the example of Virginia and does as she pleases; let her alone. The Committee on Grievances found nothing to furnish them employment.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all members of Royal Arch Chapters in this jurisdiction must be members in good standing of some just and legally constituted Lodge of Master Masons."

The Grand Secretary presented the Report on Correspondence, the publication of which must have sorely taxed the financial capacity of the Grand Chapter. As our own treasury can stand the pressure we give it entire for the benefit of coming generations:

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would like to say a word or two, if for no other purpose than to enable reviewers in other Grand Chapters to depart from the usual phraseology and note the fact that a report was presented. A report is a report, 'although there's nothing in it.'"

"We have been in receipt of the printed proceedings of the several American Grand Chapters and of the 'Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales and Scotland, and the British dependencies,' and these several books have been read as carefully as our leisure would permit, and are herewith handed over for the examination of the individual members of the Grand Chapter."

"It has been quite impossible for us to make a condensed statement of the business transacted at and the condition of these several Grand Chapters, such as is usually presented in reports on Foreign Correspondence, and we regret no less that we cannot have our 'shy' at the fellows who have here and there had their 'shy' at West Virginia. We have read their reports all through and have thoroughly

enjoyed their wit and their wisdom, and we realize fully the importance of these reports in settling questions of Masonic law. We resent, however, their interference with the proceedings of other Grand Chapters and their holding up to ridicule or unfavorable comment of any kind the proceedings of a body with which they have nothing whatever to do, and with whose peculiar circumstances they have no acquaintance whatever. There should be at least a presumption in favor of the propriety of any particular custom or regulation of a Grand Chapter, but some committees on Foreign Correspondence seem to think that all excellence resides in them and that whatsoever they have not seen and approved is 'contrary to the ancient landmarks.' We could fit them with a fable if necessary, but the moral runs before the story.

"Since the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter two companions, eminent in office, have been called from labor into rest. *M. E.* ROBERT FARMER BOWEN, of Keokuk, Iowa, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, died nineteenth of May, 1882. It was the good fortune of the writer of this report to know Companion Bowen personally and to feel the magnetism of his generous heart. He was a good man and true, and he richly deserved all of the honors bestowed upon him in life and the eulogiums that have been pronounced upon him in death.

"Our companions in Missouri have also been called to mourn the loss of their Grand High Priest, *M. E.* SAMUEL H. OWENS, who departed this life on the twenty-second day of February, 1832. He was justly eminent for his services to humanity and to the cause of Freemasonry, and his death in the noon-tide of his labor is mourned no less abroad than at home.

"With our companions of the General Grand Chapter and of the Grand Chapters of Iowa and Missouri we mingle our tears and lay this chaplet upon the tomb of their beloved dead.

"We cannot now attempt a review or discussion of the several questions that form the staple of the several reports on Foreign Correspondence which have been read by this committee, and we have no recommendations to make or resolutions to submit for action by this Grand Chapter.

"Fraternally submitted,

"O. S. LONG,
"For the Committee."

The *M. E.* GUSTAVE BROWN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Wheeling, on the twelfth day of November, 1883.

WISCONSIN.

The thirty-second annual convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee, on the twenty-first day of February, 1882,—the *M. E.* FRED. RING, Jr., Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN W. WOODHULL being Grand Secretary. Fifty-three subordinate Chapters were represented. The record shows that a "Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample form, after which the Grand Chapter was declared open and in order for business." We would like to know what Chapter was opened, or if no particular Chapter was opened, by what authority the companions present opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at all? Also if the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin transacts its business in a subordinate Chapter, or in one formed without the authority of dispensation or charter? Give us light.

Under the head of "State of the Order," the Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"If the amount of work accomplished by the Chapters during the past year is any criterion of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, we may congratulate ourselves on having had a favorable year. Although the reception of new material has been in excess of former years, yet, I am assured that all has been scrutinized with great care by the overseers, and they have reason to feel hopeful that no imperfect pieces have been passed."

It is pleasant to know that the dark angel visited none of the officers of this Grand Chapter during the past year, and that, at roll-call, all answered to their names.

The following decisions were announced:—

"A brother had received the Mark Master's degree; a written protest was lodged with Secretary against his further advancement. The High Priest requested the

companion to furnish the Chapter, in writing, his reasons for protest. Had the High Priest or Chapter any right to make such demand?

"Ans.—No.

"A candidate having been elected to receive the Chapter degrees, and having been advanced to the degree of Mark Master, has a member of said Chapter the right to demand a new ballot?

"Ans.—No.

"Can the High Priest of a Chapter exclude a member from admission to his Chapter, if the conduct of said companion has been and is such that the other members of the Chapter refuse to sit with him?

"Ans.—No penalty can be inflicted by an officer of a Chapter, nor by the Chapter itself, upon a companion, until he shall have been adjudged guilty after due trial."

While the last decision is correct on general principles, yet cases have arisen where the conduct of a companion has been such as to justify the High Priest in causing him to be incontinently and summarily "bounced."

Two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted, and five applications for a like purpose were denied; the Grand High Priest believing that the circumstances did not justify the formation of such Chapters; and justly observing that he "would rather say no to two deserving applications than grant one which might afterward prove to be a mistake."

The Grand Lecturer made an interesting report, in which he says:—

"Among all the Chapters visited, I have found a general spirit of harmony prevailing, a better interest has been manifested, and, as a whole, more work has been done. The modification of the constitution in relation to the prohibition of the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree, has been of essential benefit to many of the smaller Chapters, some of whom had had one or two candidates who had stood as Most Excellent Masters for years. This regulation has enabled them to finish up work long before begun, has created an interest among their members, and at the same time showed to those who had not received the degrees that their Chapter was alive, and ready not only to receive petitions, but, if favorably acted upon, to confer all the Chapter degrees in due course of time, or at least within the natural life-time of man."

He had revised the work and lectures, making them to conform to the ritual prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and in this connection he says:—

"Now the entire work is consistent with itself, more fully explained, the language used more concise and correct, and easily committed. The only wonder expressed has been, why these changes had not long before been made. The only answer I have been able to make is, that although knowing well many of the incongruities we had so long practiced, yet we deem it advisable to await the action of the General Grand Chapter, and thus avoid too frequent changes."

He reports the Chapters visited to be in a healthy condition, most of them prosperous, doing a fair amount of work and with records well and neatly kept. He appears to be the "right man in the right place," and the Grand Chapter is fortunate in possessing so zealous and able an officer.

The Trustees report a balance in the treasury of \$763 09.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

"Resolved, That the first clause of Section 5, of Article 3, of the Constitution be amended so that it shall read as follows:—

"A member of a Chapter, before he can be suspended for non-payment of dues, shall have at least sixty days notice of such indebtedness; and if he then fails to pay his dues, or to render reasonable excuse satisfactory to his Chapter for not doing so, he shall be summoned to appear before the Chapter at its next stated Convocation to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Should he fail to appear in answer to such summons, or, on appearing, fail to pay his dues, or show good reason for the non-payment of the same satisfactory to his Chapter, he shall then be declared and be suspended. The Secretary's books, if showing non-payment, shall be sufficient evidence thereof."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely, which, under the rule, carries it over to the next Annual Convocation, when it may be adopted, and probably will be, by a majority vote. One by one they fall into line—next.

The dispensation of one Chapter was continued until the next Annual Convoca-

The Grand Treasurer, in a supplemental report, acknowledges the receipt from the Grand Secretary of \$2,021 50, which, added to the sum before reported, makes the amount in the treasury \$2,784 59.

The proceedings are embellished with fine steel engraved portraits of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. The countenance of M. E. Comp. Ring, mirrors a heart overflowing with the milk of human kindness, and is one of those faces to which the widow and orphan, the suffering and distressed would appeal without hesitation. The portrait of the Grand Secretary impresses one with the idea of a handsome and jolly fellow trying to look stern and dignified, and making an "awful mess of it." Any one with half an eye can see that the fierce frown over the gentle eyes is simulated, and the savage curl of the scalp-lock is a "delusion and a snare."

An amendment to the Constitution, laid over from last year, to make Past High Priests permanent members of the Grand Chapter, was rejected. During an evening session the degrees were exemplified in full; an excellent idea.

Comp. J. P. C. CORTELL presents one of his characteristic Reports on Correspondence, "without money and without price," but none the less valuable for that. His report is briefer than usual, only twenty-seven Grand Chapters having forwarded him their proceedings. California, however, is one of the fortunate ones, and receives from him a kind and fraternal notice, as usual. He states our assets to be \$13,823 78, and asks: "What need is there to this Grand Chapter to accumulate so large a fund?" We lay up treasures, Comp. C., in case Wisconsin should be swept with grasshoppers, entailing want and misery upon thousands; or the fire-flood should break loose in some of our Eastern jurisdictions, or grim pestilence stalk abroad in the South, that we may have always on hand the means of alleviating distress without waiting the slow process of collecting subscriptions.

In regard to the Council degrees, he says: "We have comfortably settled this business in Wisconsin. The Councils exist as independent bodies; their officers are the Chapter officers; the degrees are conferred in separate Councils, without reference to the Chapter; a separate record is kept; there is a Council in each place where there is a Chapter, and the degrees are conferred without charge. This is practical consolidation, but not real, and only those Royal Arch Masons who seek them get them. It is an easy, and, we think, lawful way of settling the question."

Setting aside the legality of the proceeding, which we do not propose now to argue, we think our companions of Wisconsin can hardly fail to recognize the fact that now, when so large a majority of the Grand Jurisdictions have given their allegiance to the General Grand Council, their position is untenable. Even Mississippi, the originator of the consolidation plan, has taken measures to retrace her steps and restore control of the Cryptic degrees to the Grand Council, where they properly belong. As they are conferred in Wisconsin, these beautiful degrees are degraded to the position of side degrees to the Chapter, and no regular Council would receive a Royal and Select Master so made.

"A resolution was adopted that each candidate for exaltation must show sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees to satisfy the Council of the Chapter that he can make himself known in those degrees. Could he then get in on what a clergyman whom we were once examining told us? Being asked to state what he knew concerning the Past Master's degree, his answer was: 'Oh! that is the funny degree. They put me in the east, with a hat on my head, and made fun of me for an hour; but I didn't object, for they seemed to enjoy it.'"

We think the reverend companion, judging from his proficiency in the Past Master's degree, would be able to pass a satisfactory examination in the remainder.

He says of our report—and we thank him for the compliment, although he stretches our production just one hundred pages:—

"Comp. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, made a fine Report on Correspondence. It covers two hundred and twenty-four pages, only, and it ought to have been read, though that might have put all the companions to sleep. He favors the relegation of the Council degrees to the Councils; but we have explained before our practice.

to fade sadly in the washing. And so say we, heartily. In California the very wholesome rule is said to be this: The penalty for non-payment of dues is enforced against those who can and will not pay; but, as to the poor man, he is given time, or his dues remitted. He does not believe, as we do not, that a suspended or expelled Master Mason is in good Chapter standing; and it is, in our opinion, immaterial that the suspension is for non-payment of dues. Suspension is suspension; only this and nothing more. Much and interesting learning is displayed in this report."

No doubt it would require "much interesting learning" to render a report of the length indicated by him palatable; the reading of two hundred and twenty-four pages of fine print, would, we opine, be sufficient to consign, even so wide awake an audience as the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, to the "arms of *morphine*."

Comp. COTTRILL scorns to receive pay for the labor he performs in preparing these reports, and in support of his position, argues as follows:—

"We have had a better recompense than money could bring us, in all the years that we have written these reports; in the commendations of our companions at home, and of our brethren of the quill abroad; in the splendid acquaintances we have made; and much recompense in the fact that Comp. CASWELL approves our reports, agrees with us largely in our views of Masonic law, enjoys our work; and in the other fact, that though we have not had the pleasure and honor of seeing him in the flesh, yet we feel assured that when we do, in the good time coming, as we hope to do, the grasp of his hand will be warm, kind, joyous and fraternal. And isn't this pay enough?"

We acknowledge that *our approval* is no mean equivalent for unlimited labor, and, while the soul accepts it as payment in full, yet the stomach, like nature, "abhors a vacuum" and scorns such remuneration. There is much in this excellent report that we would gladly notice, but we have reached the end of our tether. The returns from fifty-three Chapters, give a total of 3,421, a gain of 131 during the year.

The M. E. JOHN M. EVANS, M. D., was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOHN W. WOODHULL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee, by

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Chairman*.

Which report was ordered to be published with the proceedings of this Convocation.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Charters:

Comp. Hiram Newton Rucker,
" Michael James Keating,
" Horace Cowen Rolfe,
" William Thompson Luther,
" Adolphus Hollub.

On By-Laws:

Comp. Ellison Lassell Crawford,
" Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
" Wilson Hays,
" Richard Munt,
" Thomas Callow.

On Returns:

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" James Martin Rodgers,
" George Heirn Gilbert,
" Louis Schwartz,
" Christopher Columbus Farmer.

On Grievances:

Comp. Carnot Courtland Mason,
" Doran Lucius Campbell,
" George Alexander McKensie,
" Andrew Henderson Broder,
" Adolph Dobrowsky.

On Payment of Delegates:

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith,
" Henry Charles Lott,
" Mattison Myers,
" James Vance.

The Grand Secretary, by request, presented the following question, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

Is a written objection made by a companion who is unavoidably absent from the meeting at which a ballot is to be taken, and dated prior thereto, a sufficient reason for declaring the candidate rejected?

The Grand Secretary reported that, although he had been authorized at the last Annual Convocation to purchase aprons for the use of the members of the Grand Chapter, he had not made the purchase as yet, and requested that definite instructions be given as to the number, cost, quality, and material of the same. Whereupon, on motion of Comp. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, it was ordered that the aprons to be procured shall be of white lambskin, scarlet trimmed, with the triple tan-cross upon the flap of each; that the number shall be seven dozen, and the cost not to exceed eighteen dollars per dozen.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that the work in the Mark Master's degree would be exemplified this evening at half-past seven o'clock, by *California* Chapter, No. 5; that on Wednesday evening, at the same hour, the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified by *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1—said Chapters having kindly consented to confer the degrees upon actual candidates provided by them for that purpose.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Tuesday, April 10th, A. I. 2413. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Comp. HENRY HAY KNAPP, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina; and of Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, as Representative of the Grand Chapters of Colorado and Georgia, near this Grand Chapter; and, on motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, those companions were duly received and accredited as such Representatives.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

In considering the Report of the M. E. Grand High Priest, referring to the business of the Grand Chapter during its late recess, your committee find cause to congratulate the Royal Craft, through this, its representative body, with the successful progress of the great principles upon which our organization is founded. We also presume to anticipate your conclusions and express to him who has been your executive officer during the term, our thanks for the intelligent and faithful service rendered, with the promise of an affectionate remembrance in the archives of the Grand Chapter of California.

We apportion his Report and recommend its reference as follows :—

All amendments and approvals of By-Laws to the Committee on By-Laws.

The granting of dispensations for all matters, and everything pertaining to the trial of J. M. DAWLEY, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your committee fully concur with the Grand High Priest in the matter of making provision for the reception of our distinguished companions from the East, who may visit us during the present year as participants in the great pilgrimage to this western world, and recommend the naming of a committee to take this special service as the representatives of this Grand Chapter.

In the suggested revision of our organic law your committee do not find the least reason for concurrence in the advice of the Grand High Priest. Our law provides in all essential matters, where no provision is made, and no conflict exists, that the law of the Grand Lodge of California shall be the guide for us. Now as all High Priests are presumed to be not only intelligent and well informed Masons, but specially qualified as teachers of the law, your committee cannot concur in the necessity of the revision recommended and would greatly prefer that this Grand Chapter should decline the proposed work.

The Grand High Priest has reminded us that "man fleeth as a shadow, and continueth not." In the death of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, we have a renewed example of the uncertainties of human life. Proper respect should be shown the memory of our distinguished companion, and his virtues and character engraven upon our records. We recommend that this fraternal duty be delegated to our honored Deputy Grand High Priest and that he be requested to prepare such testimonial for a mourning page in our proceedings.

And coming nearer home, the Angel of Death has hovered over us, and called from among us two respected, devoted members of our Association—Past Grand High Priests—distinguished Masons—honored citizens—they have laid down the burden of life and rested for awhile. We delight to honor their memories as they would have honored ours; let a committee be designated to perform the loving work and appropriate to them a mourning page in the proceedings of the present session.

All which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
HENRY S. ORME,	
H. H. KNAPP,	

Which report, except that portion having reference to a revision of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, was concurred in, and the references therein made were ordered as recommended. And the portion so excepted, was, on motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Special Committees:—

On Death of G. G. H. P. Robert Farmer Bower: { Comp. Leonidas E Pratt.

On Deaths of Comps. Creigh and Taylor: { Comps. William Abraham Davies,
" Thomas Hubbard Caswell,
" Jacob Hart Neff.

The hour for the special order—the election of Grand Officers—having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Comps. JACOB HART NEFF and GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The M. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT was elected Grand High Priest;
The R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
The R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN was elected Grand King;
The R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE was elected Grand Scribe;
The R. E. HIRAM THEOOF GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;
The R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, April 11th, A. I., 2413. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers of Chapters and Past High Priests by service in this jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

Sonora, No. 2, SOLOMON BENAS, High Priest.
Sacramento, No. 3, CHARLES MORTIMER COGLAN, Past High Priest.
Benicia, No. 7, GEORGE POOR, High Priest and Past High Priest.
Alameda, No. 36, JOHN ELIOT BENTON, High Priest.
Modesto, No. 49, ADOLPHUS HEWEL, High Priest and Past High Priest.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats,

The Grand Secretary presented a request of *Red Bluff* Chapter for a duplicate charter; the original, granted by this Grand Chapter, hav-

ing been destroyed in the fire which recently destroyed the Masonic Hall, and the greater part of the business portion of said town. Which request was referred to the Committee on Charters.

A report from *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, showing the proceedings had in the matter of charges against Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY, preferred in *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, and by order of this Grand Chapter transferred to said *Alameda* Chapter for trial, was presented by the Grand Secretary, and, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on By-Laws, having duly considered the matters referred to it, respectfully report—

Amendments to by-laws have been made and reported in due form to the M. E. Grand High Priest for his approval as follows :

1. *Nevada* Chapter, No. 6. Amending Art. VI, Sec. 1. Reducing the fees for the degrees from seventy-five dollars to fifty dollars.

Also amending Art. VI, Sec. 3. Reducing the dues from fifty cents per month to twenty-five cents per month, payable semi-annually.

2. *Howard* Chapter, No. 14. Amending Art. VI, Sec. 3, to read as follows: "The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be two dollars per year, and no member shall be eligible to office or permitted to vote while in arrears for dues."

3. *Grass Valley* Chapter, No. 18. Amending Art. VI, reducing the fees from eighty dollars to fifty dollars, and to read as follows: "For Mark Master, ten dollars; for Past Master, ten dollars; for Most Excellent Master, ten dollars; for Royal Arch, twenty dollars."

4. *Solano* Chapter, No. 43. Amending Art. II, Sec. 1, to read as follows: "The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be holden on the Saturday next following the date of the full moon in each month."

5. *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55. Amending Art. VI, Sec. 3. Reducing the dues from one dollar per month to fifty cents per month.

The foregoing amendments being within the powers of the several Chapters, and conflicting with no law or provision of the Grand Chapter's Constitution, and having been regularly adopted by the several Chapters, we recommend that the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in approving them be concurred in.

The amendments proposed by the following Chapters, viz:—

1. *Stockton* Chapter, No. 28. Amending Art. VI, Sec. 3. Reducing the monthly dues ;

2. *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38. Reducing dues ;

3. *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38. Changing time of meeting ;

4. *Ukiah* Chapter, No. 53. Amending Art. VI, Sec. 3. Changing monthly dues ; have been examined by your committee, and, while we find the proposed amendments to be within the power of the Chapters, they do not show that they have been regularly adopted by the several Chapters.

Article X, of the Uniform Code of By-Laws, provides that notice of an amendment shall be given at the stated meeting next preceding that on which they are adopted, and requires a two-thirds vote of all the members present to adopt. None of the papers above named show that notice was given, and some of them are only referred to in communications in connection with other matters. The actions of the several Chapters may have been regular, and the amendments desired by them, yet we think

that the certificates should show that the provisions of the law had been fully complied with. We therefore recommend that they be returned to the several Chapters, with instructions to certify them in accordance with the recommendations of the committee made in this report.

An amendment to the By-Laws of *Merced* Chapter, No. 12, was approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest. It is in the form of a preamble and resolution and signed by a Past High Priest. There is nothing in connection with it to show that it was ever acted upon by the Chapter. We recommend that it be returned to the Chapter for further action, in accordance with this report.

The following Chapters have adopted the uniform code, viz. :—

Oakland Chapter, No. 28.

San Diego Chapter, U. D.

Colusa Chapter, U. D.

Salinas Chapter, U. D.

San Luis Chapter, U. D.

And having been approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, we recommend that his action be approved.

Alturas Chapter, No. 34, adopted the uniform code, with the following addition : "Sec. 5, Art. VI. Each Mark Master shall, before receiving the degree of Past Master, be required to pay to the Secretary a fee of one dollar for the purpose of defraying the cost of recording his mark." We recommend that said section be stricken out, and as thus amended they be approved.

Believing that the papers sent up should show that the laws had been fully complied with, your committee would recommend that, in future, the *M. E.* Grand High Priest approve no amendment that does not have both the original section and the section as amended written out in full, and certified under the seal of the Chapter that the amendment had received a two-thirds vote of the members present, and that notice of such amendment had been given at the meeting preceding that on which the vote was taken.

While your committee have approved of amendments reducing the monthly dues of Chapters, we very much doubt the policy, for we think that Chapters should have a stated income from dues, enough to pay the ordinary expenses of the Chapters, and not to rely on the uncertain receipts from fees for degrees.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, WILSON HAYS, ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, RICHARD MUNT, THOMAS CALLOW,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in and the recommendations were adopted.

Comp. **HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER**, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee to whom was referred the petitions of Chapters now under dispensation, would most respectfully report as follows :—

We have carefully examined the books and inquired into the general condition of each of the following named Chapters. The books of each are written up with a neatness and care that is quite creditable.

On the petition of *Salinas* Chapter for a dispensation we find ten signatures. Since which time two have affiliated and twenty-nine have been exalted ; making a total membership of (41) forty-one. Four have been elected and are now ready for the degrees, and two petitions are yet to be acted upon. The Chapter has held its

regular meetings since its organization—is well supplied with all the necessaries—is free from debt, and has over \$500 in the treasury.

Colusa Chapter was granted a dispensation on July 19th, 1882, with seventeen (17) members, and has since taken in two by affiliation, and conferred the degrees on eighteen (18), making a membership of thirty-seven (37). One has been advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master. The Chapter has failed to hold but one regular meeting since its organization. All the necessary paraphernalia has been procured and paid for, and there remains over \$150 of funds now on hand.

To *San Diego* Chapter a dispensation was granted on October 18th of the past year. Eleven (11) names appear upon the petition for a dispensation, and the membership now numbers twenty-three (23); the increase coming altogether from new material. Three (3) have since been elected and will receive the degrees in due time. The Chapter has regularly held its meetings, its needs have been well supplied and paid for, and has funds in its treasury to the amount of over \$275.

San Luis Chapter was granted a dispensation on November 14th, also of the past year; and on the petition for the same we find fourteen (14) signatures. Twenty-one have regularly received the degrees, and three (3) have been added to the membership by affiliation, making a total membership of thirty-eight (38). One has been received and acknowledged *M. E.* Master, and they have now two petitions to be acted upon. The stated meetings have been regularly held, and the Chapter is also well supplied with all the necessary paraphernalia and is free from debt. While the treasury does not contain more than about \$70, yet your committee is creditably informed that the future prospects of the Chapter are quite flattering.

After due consideration, your committee are of the opinion that the above named Chapters under dispensation are in a flourishing condition and already well established as regards permanency, future prosperity and usefulness, and would respectfully submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That *Salinas* Chapter, located at Salinas, Monterey County; *Colusa* Chapter, located at Colusa, Colusa County; *San Diego* Chapter, located at San Diego, San Diego County; and *San Luis* Chapter, located at San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, Cal., be granted charters and that they be numbered in the order in which they here appear.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER,	} Committee.
M. J. KEATING,	
W. T. LUTHER	
A. HOLLUB,	
H. C. ROLFE,	

Which report was concurred in and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee having examined the returns of subordinate Chapters for the current year, respectfully report:—

That returns from all the Chapters have been received by the Grand Secretary, and that in most instances they were correctly and neatly prepared, and that all dues have been paid by the Chapters.

It is with regret that your committee find it their duty to report that three of the Chapters have been quite dilatory in making their returns to the Grand Secretary; but in consideration of the number being proportionately small, we deem it advisable to merely mention the fact and accompany it with a suggestion that greater promptness be exercised in the future.

The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$280 50	\$144 50	\$425 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	47 50	23 50	71 00
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	207 00	112 00	319 00
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	463 00	162 00	625 00
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	35 00	27 00	62 00
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	25 00	13 00	38 00
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	49 50	25 50	75 00
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	35 00	27 00	62 00
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	35 50	15 50	51 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	90 00	53 00	143 00
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	106 00	45 00	151 00
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	13 50	13 50	27 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	16 00	16 00	32 00
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	16 50	16 50	33 00
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	38 00	38 00	76 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	32 50	15 50	48 00
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	55 50	29 50	85 00
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	50 50	22 50	73 00
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	74 50	34 50	109 00
<i>Oliver</i> , " 23,.....	27 00	15 00	42 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	11 50	11 50	23 00
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	16 00	14 00	30 00
<i>Oakland</i> , " 26,.....	54 50	29 50	84 00
<i>Della</i> , " 27,.....	37 50	25 50	63 00
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	111 00	44 00	155 00
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	50 50	30 50	81 00
<i>Napa</i> , " 30,.....	47 50	23 50	71 00
<i>Martinez</i> , " 31,.....	87 00	28 00	115 00
<i>Los Angeles</i> , " 33,.....	30 50	25 50	56 00
<i>Alluras</i> , " 34,.....	57 50	22 50	80 00
<i>Naval</i> , " 35,.....	69 00	45 00	114 00
<i>Alameda</i> , " 36,.....	116 00	65 00	181 00
<i>Silam</i> , " 37,.....	33 00	22 00	55 00
<i>Santa Cruz</i> , " 38,.....	14 00	14 00	28 00
<i>Donner</i> , " 39,.....	30 50	22 50	53 00
<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40,.....	31 00	27 00	58 00
<i>Temple</i> , " 41,.....	40 50	22 50	63 00
<i>Chico</i> , " 42,.....	100 00	38 00	138 00
<i>Solano</i> , " 43,.....	83 00	27 00	110 00
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44,.....	58 00	24 00	82 00
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45,.....	61 50	49 50	111 00
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46,.....	127 50	39 50	167 00
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47,.....	36 00	28 00	64 00
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48,.....	54 50	25 50	80 00
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49,.....	15 00	13 00	28 00
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50,.....	34 00	19 00	53 00
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51,.....	10 00	9 00	19 00
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52,.....	24 00	20 00	44 00
<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53,.....	64 00	22 00	86 00
<i>Bodie</i> , " 55,.....	52 00	22 00	74 00
<i>Keystone</i> , " 56,.....	30 00	18 00	48 00

		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>Signet,</i>	No. 57,.....	\$40 00	\$20 00	\$60 00
<i>Plumas,</i>	" 58,.....	25 50	10 50	36 00
<i>Salinas,</i>	U. D.,.....	136 50	20 50	157 00
<i>Colusa,</i>	U. D.,.....	92 50	18 50	111 00
<i>San Diego,</i>	U. D.,.....	59 50	11 50	71 00
<i>San Luis,</i>	U. D.,.....	106 00	19 00	125 00

Making a total of.....\$3745 00 \$1776 00 \$5521 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY,
J. M. RODGERS, } *Committee.*
L. SCHWARTZ,

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The question is asked and referred to your committee, "Is a written objection, made by a companion who is unavoidably absent from the meeting at which a ballot is to be taken and dated prior thereto, sufficient reason for declaring the candidate rejected?"

In the important matter of receiving material into Royal Arch fellowship, the utmost care should be exercised, and every facility given for the fullest expression of the opinions of those who have not only the privilege, but whose duty it is to weigh carefully and judge of the merits of petitions for this Masonic distinction. Your committee are of the opinion, that in a case such as stated in the question submitted, the High Priest should give the objection such consideration as to postpone the ballot, and if the objection is not formally withdrawn at a subsequent session, it is his duty to declare the candidate rejected.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, } *Committee.*
H. H. KNAPP,
A. HOLLUB,
W. J. TINNIN,

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to purchase two hundred shares of stock in the Masonic Hall Association of San Francisco, and that he draw a warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount necessary for said purchase.

Comp. HOLLUB also presented the following amendment to Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter :—

Strike out all of subdivision 1, of said section, so that no dues shall be paid to the Grand Chapter for degrees conferred.

Which proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Comp. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, the installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

Comp. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, from the Committee on Payment of Delegates, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of Chapters in attendance on the first day of the Convocation :—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Due to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
San Francisco,	1.	\$144 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$ 6 00
Sonora,	2.	23 50....	Paid....."	24 00
Sacramento,	3.	112 00....	Paid....."	12 00
California,	5.	162 00....	Paid....."	6 00
Nevada,	6.	27 00....	Paid....."	6 00
Benicia,	7.	13 00....	Paid.....	
Shasta,	9.	25 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	35 00
Sutter,	11.	27 00....	Paid....."	22 50
Merced,	12.	15 50....	Paid....."	21 00
Washington,	13.	53 00....	Paid....."	17 00
Howard,	14.	45 00....	Paid....."	9 50
Cyrus,	15.	13 50....	Paid....."	62 50
St. James,	16.	16 00....	Paid....."	25 00
Libanus,	17.	16 50....	Paid....."	24 50
Grass Valley,	18.	38 00....	Paid....."	25 00
Trinity,	19.	15 50....	Paid....."	47 50
Franklin,	20.	29 50....	Paid....."	21 00
Sierra,	21.	22 50....	Paid....."	56 00
Petaluma,	22.	34 50....	Paid....."	8 00
Oliver,	23.	15 00....	Paid....."	27 00
La Fayette,	24.	11 50....	Paid....."	36 00
Georgetown,	25.	14 00....	Paid....."	25 00
Oakland,	26.	29 50....	Paid....."	6 00
Delta,	27.	25 50....	Paid....."	19 00
Stockton,	28.	44 00....	Paid....."	13 00
Manzanita,	29.	30 50....	Paid....."	29 00
Napa,	30.	23 50....	Paid....."	10 00
Martinez,	31.	28 00....	Paid....."	8 00
Los Angeles,	33.	25 50....	Paid....."	45 00
Alturas,	34.	22 50....	Paid....."	46 00
Naval,	35.	45 00....	Paid....."	8 00
Alameda,	36.	65 00....	Paid....."	6 00
Siloam,	37.	22 00....	Paid....."	21 50
Santa Cruz,	38.	14 00....	Paid....."	13 00
Donner,	39.	22 50....	Paid.....	
Red Bluff,	40.	27 00....	Paid.....	
Temple,	41.	22 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	13 00
Chico,	42.	38 00....	Paid....."	23 00
Solano,	43.	27 00....	Paid....."	10 50
Visalia,	44.	24 00....	Paid....."	35 00
Santa Rosa,	45.	49 50....	Paid....."	10 00
Woodland,	46.	39 50....	Paid....."	14 50
Lassen,	47.	28 00....	Paid....."	64 50
Dixon,	48.	25 50....	Paid....."	12 50
Modesto,	49.	13 00....	Paid....."	16 00
Ventura,	50.	19 00....	Paid....."	45 00

Name and Number of Chapter.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,	" 51 9 00....Paid.....	.....	.....
<i>Humboldt</i> ,	" 52 20 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	31 00
<i>Ukiah</i> ,	" 53 22 00....Paid.....	"	20 50
<i>Bodie</i> ,	" 55 22 00....Paid.....	"	75 50
<i>Keystone</i> ,	" 56 18 00....Paid.....	"	59 00
<i>Signet</i> ,	" 57 20 00....Paid.....	"	45 00
<i>Plumas</i> ,	" 58 10 50....Paid.....	"	64 00
<i>Salinas</i> ,	U. D..... 20 50....Paid.....	"	17 00
<i>Colusa</i> ,	U. D..... 18 50....Paid.....	"	21 50
<i>San Diego</i> ,	U. D..... 11 50....Paid.....	"	70 00
<i>San Luis</i> ,	U. D..... 19 50....Paid.....	"	34 00
	\$1776 00		\$1422 50

They would also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest,.....\$12 00	Grand Treasurer,..... 6 00
Deputy Grand High Priest,..... 6 00	Chairman Finance Com.,... 9 00
Grand King,..... 45 00	
Grand Scribe,..... 25 00	Total,.....\$103 00

Amount allowed to Grand Officers.....\$ 103 00

Amount allowed to Delegates,..... 1422 50

Total amount of allowances,.....\$1525 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, HENRY C. LOTT, JAMES VANCE, M. MYERS, W. J. DOUGLAS,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts ordered to be paid as recommended.

On motion of Comp. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, the High Priests of *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, and of *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, were excused for non-attendance on the first day of the session.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Wednesday, April 11th, A. I. 2413. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, being announced, was received with the honors due his exalted rank, welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

In the matter of the trial of Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY by *Alameda* Chapter, No. 36, your committee respectfully report, that they have examined the papers as fully as the brief time at their disposal would allow, and submit the following conclusions :—

While *Alameda* Chapter appears to have discharged the duty assigned it by the M. E. Grand High Priest and finally dismissed the charges in the case "for want of testimony," your committee are profoundly impressed with the idea that the disposition of this case is an act of injustice to *Bodie* Chapter; and as such, should have been referred to, and investigated by, the Committee on Grievances.

The offense was committed in *Bodie*, by a member of *Bodie* Chapter; and it seems to your committee that its removal to another jurisdiction was denying to *Bodie* Chapter the right to discipline an offending member—guaranteed them by Article 24 of our Constitution.

In this case the venue was changed, and *Bodie* Chapter, after a commission had been elected, and upon the eve of meeting, was, by telegraphic orders from this Grand Chapter, directed to stop proceedings; and was afterwards directed by the Grand High Priest to transmit all papers to *Alameda* Chapter for adjudication.

It is unnecessary to review the case further; but submit, that no testimony has appeared to warrant the interference of the Grand Chapter in the trial of this companion by *Bodie* Chapter. Your committee believe that, unless for good and sufficient reasons shown, each chartered Chapter should be unrestricted in the discipline of its members, and for the purpose of correcting the errors committed in the hearing of this case, they recommend that the dismissal of the charges against Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY by *Alameda* Chapter be not concurred in by this Grand Chapter, and that all matters and papers pertaining thereto be recommitted to *Bodie* Chapter for determination.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
J. H. NEFF,	
A. HOLLUB,	
H. H. KNAPP,	

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendation was adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the same Committee, also presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

For the purpose of reducing the revenues of the Grand Chapter and the tax upon its subordinates, Comp. HOLLUB moves to strike from Section 2 of Article 8 the first subdivision in the words, "For each Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degree conferred during the year, the sum of one dollar."

While fully in sympathy with the general desire of the representatives to reduce unnecessary taxation, your committee do not believe the proposed amendment affords the most equitable manner of accomplishing that end; but that Subdivision 2 of the same Section should be the assessment relied upon to meet the actual expenses of this representative body, viz. : the tax upon each member borne upon the roll, etc. However, not desiring to offer any obstacle in the matter of retrenchment, your committee recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
JACOB H. NEFF,	

After considerable discussion, the above report was, on motion of Comp. LEONIDAS E PRATT, referred to the Committee on Finances, with instructions to report thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. We find them correct, and recommend that they be approved and published with the proceedings.

The official bonds of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, and of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the close of the Convocation of 1882, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

With reference to that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report relative to the property received by him from the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, your committee have only to suggest that, as those effects are now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, power be given him by this Grand Chapter to dispose of the same at the earliest opportunity and to the best advantage.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Expenses of Delegates, Convocation of 1883.....	\$1424 50
Expenses of Grand Officers, Convocation of 1883.....	103 00
Salary of Grand Secretary and Chairman Com. on Correspondence for 1883.....	1800 00
Salary of Grand Organist.....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard.....	25 00
Printing and Binding Proceedings, 1883.....	700 00
Contingent Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office.....	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	35 52

Total.....\$4613 02

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
ISAAC P. KINCAID,
HIRAM N. RUCKER,
HENRY C. LOTT, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the several recommendations were adopted.

Comp. HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of your Committee on Charters that *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 40, had the misfortune to lose its charter and property by fire during the past year; and

Whereas, Said Chapter has made a request for the issuance of a duplicate charter, your committee would respectfully offer and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a duplicate charter to *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 40, without charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HIRAM N. RUCKER,
MICHAEL J. KEATING,
HONACE C. ROLFE,
WILLIAM T. LUTHER,
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, } Committee.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to the decease of Past Grand High Priests JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH and WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, presented the following reports :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

By the death of M. E. Comp. JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH, the organization and early history of this Grand Chapter is again brought before us, and memory calls up the names of very many companions now sleeping, who, with him, were within the vails guarding the Ark of the Covenant. The flourishing condition of this body to-day attests how well the workmen of twenty-five years ago performed their duties—exceeding their fondest anticipations. It may be well said of them “ They builded better than they knew.” The names of DIBBLE, DAVIS, HARTLEY, JACKSON and TRAYLOR are vividly recalled, as those with whom he associated in the work of those days ; and among them all there was none more faithful—none more entitled to wages for devoted service rendered—than JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH. Your committee present the following resolution and recommend its adoption :—

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of California, learning with sorrow of the death of M. E. Comp. JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH, its second Grand High Priest, and being desirous of placing upon record its appreciation of his Masonic character, it is ordered that a mourning page, devoted to his memory, be printed in the proceedings of this Convocation.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Our departed friend, whose memory we record to-day, was a man of action, of thought and of position—a man of administrative capacity—a distinguished Mason. Poor indeed is he who, when he has passed away, has left no friend to mourn for him—no one to miss him. In these respects our dead brother, whose memory we now honor, was rich indeed, and Masonry itself inscribes upon these pages, with just but tearful pride, those evidences of grief and sorrow.

Our Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, was born in Madison, Georgia, in the year 1822; he came to California in the year 1850, and died in January, 1893.

From his earliest residence in California, Comp. TRAYLOR evinced the greatest interest in Masonic matters. As a Royal Arch Mason and an officer of *Sonora* Chapter, No. 2, he was present at the organization of this Grand Chapter in 1854, and was elected its Grand High Priest in 1857. Eminently qualified for the station of High Priest by his unrivalled rendering of the ritual, he served many terms in his home Chapter, and has left fragrant memories in the hearts and affections of the Masons of Tuolumne County. State assemblies and personal admirers erect monuments to those who have achieved worldly greatness; but we as Masons love rather to place memorial flowers on the graves of brethren whose claim to our love was *their* love and practice of duty. We know that the passage from this earthly tabernacle to the eternal mansion of the next life can only be made through the gates of death, hence, if we have done our duty well, death should be no unwelcome visitor, for by death we pass from the labors of this earthly lodge to the refreshments of the life celestial. We, who knew our dead companion, have no fear for his future. The Scythians were wont to weep at the birth and rejoice at the death of their children; while not borrowing this stoicism may we not be cheerful and happy, while standing around Brother TRAYLOR's grave, as the words of the Divine Master come home to us with full signification, “ Behold, he is not dead, but sleepeth.”

Resolved, That in the death of our Past *M. E.* Grand High Priest, WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, we are again reminded of the uncertainties of this life; most truly man "fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not."

Resolved, That a mourning page in our proceedings be dedicated to his memory in token of our fraternal love for one whose virtues we would emulate.

All which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
THOMAS H. CASWELL, } *Committee.*
JACOB H. NEFF,

Which reports were concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Comp. LEONIDAS E PRATT, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to the decease of *M. E.* Companion ROBERT FARMER BOWER, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Little can be added by your committee to the eulogy pronounced by the *M. E.* Deputy General Grand High Priest, upon the life and character of the illustrious companion whose sudden and untimely death we are called upon to mourn. In the prime of life, and in the midst of an honorable and useful career, the head of our Royal Craft has been stricken down by the unsparing hand of Death. For more than thirty years he had been an active worker in all the departments of Masonry, and his honorable and upright character as a man, and his zeal and fidelity as a Mason, had raised him from the checkered pavement to the highest pinnacle of the Temple. Although personally unknown to most of us, his fame as a "wise and accomplished Free Mason" had spread far and wide; and his social excellence, intellectual vigor and moral worth, had won for him the respect and esteem of the Craft at home and abroad. The eloquent lamentations of those who knew and loved him best, are sufficient evidences of the affectionate regard in which he was held by them; we can only give to his memory the weak tribute of words and the sombre symbols of mourning; and while we reverently bow to the decree of the great I AM, let the lesson of his death speak to our own hearts the injunction, "Be ye also ready."

Your committee recommend that a mourning page in the proceedings of the present session be devoted to the memory of Comp. BOWER.

LEONIDAS E PRATT,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendation adopted.

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. GEORGE HEIEN GILBERT,...	of St. James,	No. 16;
Grand Lecturer,.....	" THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,...	of Nevada,	No. 6;
Grand Capt. of the Host,...	" MICHAEL JAMES KEATING,...	of San Francisco,	No. 1;
Grand Royal Arch Capt.,	" WM. THOMPSON LUTHER,...	of Sierra,	No. 21;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,...	of California,	No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....	of California,	No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, by request of the retiring Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest elect was installed, and impressively addressed, by *M. E.* THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, Past Grand High Priest of Iowa.

after which the remaining elective and appointed officers were duly installed in their respective stations by *M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE*, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES*, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. *GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY*, the *M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE*, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :—

On Jurisprudence :

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
 " Jacob Hart Neff,
 " Henry Hay Knapp,
 " Adolphus Hollub,
 " Wiley James Tinnin.

On Finances :

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
 " Charles Ray Gritman,
 " Hiram Newton Rucker,
 " Isaac Philanson Kincaid,
 " Henry Charles Lott.

On Correspondence :

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,
 " George Edwin Whitney,
 " Adolphus Hewell,
 " Wilson Hays,
 " Horace Cowen Rolfe.

Comp. *JONATHAN DOAN HINES* proposed the following amendment to the Constitution; which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to be reported upon at the next Annual Convocation :—

Resolved, That Subdivision 2. of Sec. 2, of Art. VIII., which reads as follows :
 "For each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its rolls at the date of its annual return, the sum of fifty cents; and the Grand Chapter may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required,"

Be amended to read as follows :—

"2d. For each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual return, the sum of twenty-five cents; and the Grand Chapter may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required."

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Imple Form*,

LEONIDAS E PRATT,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: E.: JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH.

HE HAD BEEN HIGH PRIEST OF SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, NO. 1, AND WAS
ELECTED GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA IN
MAY, 1855. HE HAD ALSO HELD OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICES IN MASONRY,
BOTH IN THIS STATE, AND IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. ALL
WHICH WERE FILLED WITH MARKED ABILITY, AND WITH
A ZEALOUS CARE FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE ORDER.

*Born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1798.
Died, San Francisco, Cal., June 4, 1882.*

An honest man, an upright judge,
A zealous and true Mason.

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

This Mourning Page,

**BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M. C. William Wilson Traylor,

**WHO WAS BORN IN THE TOWN OF MADISON, STATE OF GEORGIA, ON THE
SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1822; AND WHO DIED IN THE CITY
OF SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON THE
EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1883.**

**HE HAD BEEN MASTER OF TUOLUMNE LODGE, No. 8; HIGH PRIEST OF
SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2; COMMANDER OF PACIFIC COMMANDERY, No. 3;
GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER; GRAND COM-
MANDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR; GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA; AND AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AND
FOR MANY YEARS PREVIOUS, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF
THE GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

Faithful, just, good, liberal, honest, and true;

HE HAS GONE TO HIS REST,

Loved and lamented by all who knew him.

This Mourning Page,

**BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.:C.: Robert Farmer Bower,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

**HE HAD HELD MANY OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICES IN MASONRY, AND AT THE
TIME OF HIS DEATH WAS**

**General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter
of the United States.**

Born, Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15, 1823.

Died, Keokuk, Iowa, May 19, 1882.

**Honorable, and honored, as a man—
Zealous, and true, as a Mason ;
A faithful and kind friend.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1856.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of the subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the

Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of December, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate, that matter being wholly within the province of the Chapter in which he was rejected. (See Sec. 1, Art. XVII. of the Constitution.)

The following is the course of procedure recommended:—

First. That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

Second. Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

Third. At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken.

17. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

18. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

19. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with, and such Chapter is free from debt.

20. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations so reported to him.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA

RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2413.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Isaac Philanson Kincaid, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Wright Anderson, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
David Charles Smith, <i>King</i> ,	George Preston Allen, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
James Waterman Baldwin, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Charles Henry Bryan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Mowbray Robert Dundas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Gilman Prince, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Patrick Gallagher, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Albert Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Adolphus Hollub, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim,
Louis Cohn,	Theodore Edward Smith,	Edward Taylor Anthony,
Martin John Burke,	Samuel Sternheim,	Michael James Keating.
John Rudolph Jarboe,	Alfred Rising,	Isaac Philanson Kincaid
Milton Hills Myrick,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allenberg, Charles	Berggren, August	Brace, Abraham
Anderson, Thomas	Bergson, Ole	Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone
Apgar, Richard Minor	Bilty, Theodore George	Brandenstein, Meyer
Bangs, Edward	Bingham, Henry Walker	Brandt, Louis
Barney, Benjamin Griffin	Blake, Henry Herbert	Brickwedel, Henry
Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Blaney, Edward Wellington	Browell, Jeremiah
Bassett, Charles Fallen	Blankenstein, Henry	Brown, Brainerd Charles
Baum, Simon	Boruck, Marcus Derkhiem	Bryan, Thomas
Bauman, Sigmund	Bowman, John Schmerl	Bryan, William
Behrendt, Herman	Boyd, Colin Macnicol	Bunker, Charles Dimmock

Banker, Henry Chase	Frank, Emanuel Max	Kohn, Isaac
Burnham, James William	Franz, Bernhard	Lachman, Albert
Burns, Henry Jameson	Frapolli, Baptiste	Ladd, George Solon
Carson, James Gilmore	Fried, Ignatius S	Landen, Martin Kuttner
Cartin, Francis Matthew	Friedberg, Morris Solomon	Lang, George
Chase, Charles Metaphor	Friedlander, Moritz	Langrehr, Henry Christian
Christy, Robert Francis	Fuller, Andrew Henry	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis
Clinch, Charles Godfrey	Gallagher, Edward M	Levy, Jacob
Clingman, George E	Garrett, James Hylan	Levy, Morris Bernhard
Coblentz, Felix	Gerhow, Frederick	Levinsky, Marks
Code, Philip D	Gerstenberg, Henry	Levison, George
Cogawell, James LaFayette	Getz, Bernhard	Lewellyn, Reese
Cohen, Henry Lyon	Getz, Joseph	Lewis, William
Cohen, Simon	Getz, Louis	Lopresti, Anthony
Congdon, Henry Bliss	Getz, Solomon	Lucas, Robert Hume
Connelly, James Edward	Giacomini, Giovanni Dom	Luchsinger, John Jacob
Cooper, William	Giamboni, Natale	Mack, Adolph
Cressy, Albert	Giannettoni Malachia	Makins, James Nicholas
Cronan, William	Goldberg, Jacob	Manheim, Isaac
Curry, John	Gordon, James Edward	Markewitz, Augustus
Curry, Nathaniel	Gower, Samuel John	Marks, Jesse Emanuel
Outting, John Tyler	Goyette, Joseph	Martin, Henry Sebastian
Daneri, Antonio	Gray, John Samuel	Mayer, S Julius
Daniel, John	Green, Adam Treadwell	McAllister, William Francis
Daniels, William Lyon	Greenberg, Henry Sampson	McCann, Richard
Darling, George Louis	Gross, Frank Wells	McDonald, Robert
Davis, Henry Laurens	Hall, John Chase	McKew, John
Deveny, Peter	Hall, Thomas Day	McKenzie, John Ross
Doane, John Ostourne	Hart, Marcus	Mead, Lewis Risdon
Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Hawley, Charles Augustus	Mendelson, Solomon
Dore, Benjamin	Hayes, George Walford	Meyer, Charles
Drucker, August	Helster, Amos Calvin	Michaels, Aaron William
Dunn, John	Herzo, John	Miller, Frederick Hain
Dusenberg, Louis	Hewson, James	Mohrhardt, Philip Frederick
Edelman, Charles	Holdernes, Harrold	Moore, Thomas
Edgar, William Matthews	Holtz, Louis Frederick	Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Edwards, Henry	Hopkins, Peter	Mosgrove, Samuel
Einstein, Morris	Hughes, John	Murphy, John Charles
Eisenberg, Isidor	Humphreys, George	Myers, William
Elfelt, Joseph	Hunt, John Henry	Nagle, Peter Buck
English, Leland Garrison	Huntoon, Isaac Davonport	Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Emerson, John Augustus	Jackson, David Bonnard	Newberger, Gustavus
Ericht, Louis	Jacoby, Augustus	Newman, Carleton
Esberg, Mendel	Jones, George Edward	Newman, Isaac
Ewen, Oliver	Jones, William	Nickel, Lorenzo
Ewing, Charles Gray	Katz, Louis	Nicolayson, Frank
Farrell, Edward	Kelly, John	Nohl, Eugene William
Fenn, John Henry	Kenney, Thomas	Nutsen, Charles Andrew
Fischer, Emil A.	Kenitzer, Henry	O'Brien, John Joseph
Fisher, Henry	Kerr, James Patterson	O'Connor, Cornelius
Fisher, Henry James	King, Robert Irvine	Parker, Charles Hubbard
Foorman, Samuel	Kittridge, Jonathan	Parker, John Henry
Foster, Samuel	Kline, Henry	Pearson, Henry Haven
Fox, Otto	Kohlman, Solomon	Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce

Penny, James Crymes	Sachs, Lippman	Taables, Maximilian
Phillips, Wm. Armstrong	Sahlein, Moses	Thalheimer, Jacob
Pippey, Robert Norman	Samuels, David	Thornhill, Joseph
Plummer, Benjamin Lucans	Sanborn, Albion Irving	Todd, David Byron
Porter, William Handy	Scott, Albert Woodburn	Triest, Bernhard
Prag, Martin	Sawyer, Lorenzo	True, Charles Frederick
Prescott, Charles Josephus	Scharlin, John Aaron	Turpin, Frederick Light
Purfurst, August Bernhardt	Schoenfeld, Jacob	Van Sicklen, Frederick W.
Quirk, Thomas Francis	Schweitzer, Jacob	Von Aspern, John
Randall, George Clinton	Schweitzer, Morris	Wagner, Theodore Ferd. C.
Reinhart, Benjamin	Seiler, Paul	Waters, Charles
Reynolds, Leonard	Seitz, George	Wedekind, George Louis
Richards, Charles Wesley	Simon, Theodore Joseph	Weed, Alexander
Richards, Charles West, Jr.	Smith, Charles Schieffelin	White, Robert Frank
Ritter, Charles August	Smith, Charles Ward	White, Silas Ayres
Roberts, John Charles	Spaulding, George	Whitefield, Rograld Elmer
Robinson, Cornelius Preston	Sprague, Rufus William, Jr.	Whittler, James E
Robinson, John Clare	Steffani, Camillo	Williams, Henry
Romaine, Nicholas Theodore	Steifel, Samuel	Wilzinski, Marks
Rosenbaum, Joseph	Stern, Louis	Wilson, Duncan Montrose
Rosenbaum, Julius	Stern, Sigmund	Wilson, Thomas Kingsbury
Rosenbaum, Moses	Stuart, William Adams	Wores, Theodore
Rothschild, Joseph	Sweet, Solomon	Wormser, Louis
Saalburg, William	Swift, Samuel	Workheim, Morris—289.
Sabatie, Philippe Gabriel		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Allen, Isaac Patten

Hern, Henry Olav—2.

DIED:

Arnheim, Samuel Siegmund
Creigh, John Dunbar

Newhall, Henry Mayo

Poly, Louis—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....254

Died.....4

Exalted.....35

Now borne upon the roll.....289—293.

Affiliated.....4—293.

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Solomon Benas, *High Priest*,
William Gustave Rudorf, *King*,
George Carroll Bush, *Scribe*,
Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*,
Eduard Kell, *Secretary*,
Peter Klein, *Captain of the Host*,

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, *Prin. Sojourner*,
Isaac Justus Potter, *Royal Arch Captain*,
Archibald Patterson, *Master 3d Vail*,
Joseph Moore Hampton, *Master 2d Vail*,
William Egidius Eichelroth, *Mas. 1st Vail*,
Samuel Leon, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Alvin Bacon Preston,
Isaac Newton McCulloch,
Stephen Wing,

Edward Skinner,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,
James Bell,

Gideon Wing,
Solomon Benas,
Alonzo Colby.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bach, William Francis	Foersterling, Louis, Jr.	Parsons, Edmond
Bacon, Martin	Haslacher, Jacob	Rooney, John Francis
Barlow, Abraham	Lampson, Royal Mills	Sivening, Henry
Bence, Adolphus	Long, William Giles	Stinson, James
Booth, James Godfrey	Mann, John Christian	Sharwood, William
Byrd, Francis Jahew	Mathews, James	Valbey, Abraham Martin
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Means, Andrew Jackson	Wade, Charles Frederick
Carter, John Beach	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Winnie, George
Collins, John	Mundorf, John	Yancy, Tryon Milton—47.
Divoll, James George		

DIED:

Prassa, Francis Anthony

Wilson, Richard Montgomery—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	41	Died.....	2
Exalted.....	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	47—49.
Affiliated.....	2—49.		

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Cornelius Kellogg, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edwin Glover, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Edward Oughton, <i>King</i> ,	Frank Flemming, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Joseph Davey, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Anthony Egl, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Lyon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frank Ellis Lambert, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Buckley Davis, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Fox, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alexander John Gardiner, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Frederick Conrad Stober, <i>Guard</i> ,

Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Powell Samuel Lawson,	Charles Mortimer Coglan,
William Franklin Knox,	Wm. Monroe Petrie, <i>G.H.P.</i> ,	Alfred Augustus Redington,
Francis Foster,	William Buckley Davis,	Creed Haymond.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Acock, Thomas Lafayette	Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Butler, Stephen William
Adams, Oliver Miller,	Berkey, Thomas Henry	Calderwood, Job Francis
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Bliss, Sidney	Carey, George William
Allen, John Francis	Block, Maurice	Carey, John Thomas
Allen, Robert	Bodenhamer, John Wesley	Carlson, Edward
Annis, Alexander Greene	Boyd, John Walter	Caswell, William Averill
Arrasmith, Vernon	Braun, August	Chapman, Nelson
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Brewington, Benj. Smith	Chapman, George Warren
Bair, Darius H	Briggs, William Ellery	Christy, Edward
Ball, Charles Henry	Bronner, George Frederick	Clark, Thomas William
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Bryding, Peter	Clunness, William Robert
Bartels, William	Burnham, James Henry	Cohn, Edward Francis
Bauquier, Joseph	Burr, Richard Palmer	Conaway, George Winfield

Cook, Hiram	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden	Pacheco, Romualdo
Coolidge, Isaac Baldwin	Hubbs, Anthony	Palmer, Asa John Wood
Crocker, Henry Smith	Huggins, Henri Tyler	Parsons, Charles Robert
Croly, Edward James	Hull, Joseph	Parsons, Everett Curtis
Cunningham, John Austin	Hunt, William Smith	Peterson, William Fred'ick
Dale, Richard	Huntoon, William Frederick	Phillips, George
Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.	Phillips, Louis
Davis, James Gilliland	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	Porter, James Nichols
Davis, William Hewson	Iagau, Hans Bernhard Wm.	Putnam, George Alfred
Day, James Thompson	Inwalle, John Joseph	Rademacher, Charles
Denberry, Alphonse	Irvine, Richard Cutrer	Rath, Elias
Denberry, Bernard	Irvino, William John	Resseguie, James Gleason
Denson, Samuel Crawford	Jackson, William Franklin	Richards, John
Domingos, John	Jacobs, Enoch	Robinson, Robert
Dresher, Valentine	Jenkins, George W.	Sawyer, James C
Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Johnson, Julian Workman	Schroth, John George
Dunn, George	Johnston, William	Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Dwyer, Michael	Jones, Edward Augustus	Sindelar, Joseph
Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Jones, William Rowland	Smith, Benjamin
Eckhoff, John Henry	Kay, Samuel	Smith, Frank Augustus
Forbes, Robert	Knights, William Durant	Smith, Joshua Hughes
Foster, James Stuart	Knights, William Rudd	Smith, Thomas
Foy, Frederick Mathias	Krebs, Charles Henry	Stanley, Leander
Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	La Rue, Hugh McElroy	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer
Frank, Samuel	Lavenson, Samuel	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm
Frazee, Robert Smith	Leloy, Louis	Stevens, Charles Henry
Frost, Amos Locke	Levison, Jacob	Talbot, John
Gallatin, Albert	Levy, Edward Roger	Taverner, George
Gerson, Samuel	Libby, Warren Thompson	Taverner, Thomas Moore
Gillis, Dougald	Lightner, Bonus	Trope, Peter
Gonnet, Adrian	Locke, George Washington	Tubbs, John Charles
Gottlieb, Samuel	Maier, Jacob Fred. William	Tufts, Albert Currier
Griffitts, John T	Marvin, Frank William	Ulp, Alfred
Gruhler, John	Mead, Albert Almont	Van Fleet, William Carey
Haines, Gabriel	Meister, August	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Hammer, Luther Kertz	Merrill, John Francis	Vermilya, Abram John
Hammer, Mosheim Schm'er	Metcalf, Charles Wesley	Wachhorst, Herman
Hammond, Edwin	McAlister, Adam Armstrong	Walker, Myron Philo
Harmon, Rufus Burnham	McArthur, John	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Harper, Thomas	McConnell, Thomas	Webster, Samuel Excelsior
Harris, Elias Bramon	McCormack, Charles	Welch, Benjamin
Haskell, Dudley Haines	McDonough, John Henry	Welch, George Drake
Hatch, James Darrow	McKay, Daniel	West, Daniel
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette	McLaughlin, William	White, George Amos
Hawkins, William	Miller, John Henry	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
Heilbron, Adolph	Miller, Peter Andrew	Willard, David Wright
Herzog, Philip	Miller, William Buchanan	Willis, Evander Berry
Hevener, William Henry	Montgomery, George	Willis, William Ladd
Hillier, Theodore	Moore, Seth Beardsley	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Hoag, William Moffit	Morse, Stephen Turner	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Hoehn, Jacob	Nathan, Samuel	Woodburn, James
Hogg, John Milton	Neusbaum, Abraham B. C.	Woods, Jonas Stansbury
Holmes, Henry T	Ochener, John	Yoerk, August Charles
Houghton, William Alton	O'Neil, James	Young, John Nellis

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MARK MASTER :

Gerter, William Emil—1.

RESTORED :

Christy, Edward—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Burch, John Chilton
Bush, George ThompsonHarbison, John S
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman

Poole, Josiah—5

EXCLUDED :

Giraud, Eugene—1.

DIED :

Barrett, John William
Cook, Frank HerbertLevy, Bernard
Peters, Robert James

Spinks, Alfred—5.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	208	Withdrawn.....	5
Exalted	24	Excluded.....	1
Affiliated.....	2	Died.....	5
Restored	1—235.	Now borne upon the roll.....	224—235.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS :

Franklin Henry Day, *High Priest*,
Charles Lyman Haskell, *King*,
Joseph McMath, *Scribe*,
Hiram Throop Graves, *Treasurer*,
George Tuttle Grimes, *Secretary*,
Alexander Martin, *Captain of the Host*,William Gardner Waters, *Prin. Sojourner*,
Isaac Stanwood Locke, *Royal Arch Capt.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *Master 3d Vail*,
Carleton Chinn Coleman, *Master 2d Vail*,
Martin August Wm. Schreiber, *Mas. 1st Vail*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Guard*.

Past High Priests :

Reuben Edgar Raimond,
William Henry Lyon,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, *P. G. H. P.*,
George Tuttle Grimes, *P. G. H. P.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P. G. H. P.*,
John Francis Snow,
Hiram Throop Graves,
Alfred Cooledge Waitt,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,
Leonidas E Pratt,John Elbridge Purdy,
Abraham Halsey,
Franklin Henry Day,
John Kirkpatrick, *P. G. H. P.*,
Thomas Kyle,
Charles Morton Radcliff, *P. G. H. P.*,
Albert Frederick Knorp,
William Abraham Davies, *P. G. H. P.*,
Isaac Sutvene Titus, *P. G. H. P.*

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, William Alvord
Allen, William Henry
Anderson, James Holm
Angus, John Archibald
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson
Bacon, Joseph Snowden
Baker, John ThomasBarnhsael, Epenetus Ro'gers Berryman, Henri Burpee
Bauer, John Christian
Baum, David Andrew
Beck, Thomas
Bell, John
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'gers Berryman, Henri Burpee
Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blake, James William
Blaser, John Christian
Booth, Andrew George
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'gers Berryman, Henri Burpee

Boyes, James	Ede, William	Jones, Cyrus Winship
Bragg, Robert	Edgar, Dan Joseph	Jones, Edward Thomas
Bridge, William Edward	Edwards, William	Jones, John Richard
Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Estee, Morris March	Jones, William
Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Ewell, Luther Jerome	Jones, William Arthur
Bromley, George Tisdale	Fake, George John	Kaeding, Chas. Van Buren
Brooks, Thomas Hubbard	Fargo, Earl Alexander	Kelly, Robert Gabriel
Brown, Frederick Joseph	Field, Alfred Bishop	Kennedy, Frank
Browning, Jeremiah	Fiske, Henry Mortimer	Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice
Bruner, Wm. Happersatt	Flint, Brilsford Pease	Kenyon, Curtis George
Buckingham, Aurelius E.	Flynn, Martin	Kimball, Moses Coombe
Buffington, John Mason	Fonda, William Middleton	King, Henry Lewis
Ballis, Omri	Foot, Henry Du Quesnet	King, Joseph Libbey
Burges, Tristram	Foree, George Haynes	Kinne, Charles Mason
Burns, Henry Bernhard	Foster, Arthur William	Koefoed, Charles Jean
Butler, Alban Bernard	French, Frank James	Kuh, Leopold
Campbell, Robert	Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah	Laird, David White
Campbell, Walter Chauncey	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Landers, John
Castle, Stephen	Garratt, William Thompson	Lewis, Edwin
Center, John	Gilmore, Archibald Neill	Leydecker, Theo. William
Center, William	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Little, William Tell
Chapin, Dinamore Davis	Grey, John Thomas	Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Chesley, Charles Palmer	Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn	Lyman, Charles
Childs, George	Hall, Robert	Macdonald, William
Clark, Alvah Kittredge	Hamilton, Hiram Milton	Mann, Azro Levi
Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Hansen, Carl Christian A.	Marshall, David Pugh
Coe, James	Hansen, Ed'ard Hencheley	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.
Coleman, Edward Warren	Harbourne, John Wesley	Matthews, William
Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff	Hardie, Frank Diedrich	Mau, William Frederick
Cormac, Thos. Emmanuel K	Harney, William	McAleer, Edward Charles
Corning, Richard Steel	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn	McClure, David
Cox, Henry	Hatch, James Henry	McComb, John
Cox, Palmer	Hayes, Robert	McConnell, Chalmers Newt'n
Crane, Byron Grandy	Heald, Edward Payson	McCullough, H. Van Schaick
Crawford, John Jones	Hedley, John	McGann, Patrick Henry
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Hemstreet, Albert David	McLane, George Milligan
Curtis, John Morrison	Highton, Henry Edward	McLennan, Donald
Dalton, Franklin	Hildebrandt, Carsten	McMillan, Daniel
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Hinman, Louis Adrian	McNutt, William Frederick
Damon, George Dimick	Hodge, John Graham	Meutz, John Henry
Davis, Edmund Smith	Hopkins, Timothy	Merry, William Lawrence
Davis, Isaac Ephlstone	Horton, Thomas Rotch	Middleton, Frank
Dean, Peter	Hotaling, Anson Parsons	Miller, Stephen Baldwin
Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Howard, Horace Zerah	Montagne, Wilford Weed
De Witt, Thomas Byron	Howe, George Washington	Moore, Arthur Weld
Dickinson, John Henry	Howes, Cyrus Pierce	Moore, Elliott Josiah
Dietterle, George	Ingalls, John Newton	Morfeew, Thomas
Dougherty, Charles Medley	Jackson, Alden W	Morgan, David, Jr.
Dowling, Thomas Henry	Jacobs, Albert	Morgan, John Stillwell
Dutton, Samuel Edwards	Jaynes, Frank	Morrow, William W
Eagleson, John Geddes	Jeffers, Milo Sidney	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton
Earl, John Ogden	Jeffray, William	Muller, John
Earle, Henry Halford	Johnson, George	Nagel, William
Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Johnson, John Munroe	Neal, Charles Sanders

Newhall, Harry Gregory	Scott, Thomas William	Thrall, Henry Homer
Norcross, Daniel	Scupham, John Robertson	Timmerman, George W'ton
O'Brien, Thomas V	Seaton, Horace Henry	Tonningsen, John
O'Conner, Thomas Michael	Seymour, Simon Harry	Torrence, John
Osborn, Robert Folger	Shaeffer, John Werner	Tozer, Charles Warren
Otersen, Herman	Shattuck, David Dustin	Tripp, George Albert
Overton, Charles Parahall	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury	Tarpin, William Augustus
Parker, Edward Fletcher	Shoobert, John Edmund	Tustin, William Isaac
Partridge, Edward Briggs	Short, Peter	Vail, Akin Hiller
Payne, Warren Ritch	Shrader, Andrew Jackson	Vance, George Prescott
Pearce, George Frank	Simons, Charles Gustavus	Van Denburgh, Alison
Pendergast, James Albert	Smith, Edwin Lawrence	Vanderslice, Will'm Keyser
Periam, Charles James	Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.	Van Duzer, Oliver
Peterson, Arthur Simison	Spence, Abel Strawn	Wadsworth, James C. Luke
Pierce, George Lincoln	Spencer, Lowell Brown	Walsh, George Charles
Pitchford, John Benjamin	Stadtfeld, Jacob	Warburton, Samuel
Plate, Henry Augustus	Stafford, William Gardner	Ward, William Eraddon
Plum, Charles Mortimer	Stanley, Samuel Lewis	Wardwell, Wm. Van Buren
Porter, Thomas Alexander	Starbird, Albion Wilson	Warren, Robert William
Powell, Robert Baldwin	Stark, William Alexander	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Preston, Edgar Frank	Steiger, Charles Rudolph	Waters, George Latham
Price, Thomas	Steiner, Nicholas	Watkins, William Hartley
Prior, John Lewis	Stevens, William Emerson	Wells, Asa Reynolds
Ramsden, Charles Hamilton	Stoddart, Augustus Wynne	Wells, Charles Henry
Reavis, William Henry	Stoutenborough, John H'y	Wells, William
Reis, Gustave	Stringer, William James	Wheeler, Jacob
Reynolds, Frank Bailly	Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel	Whitney, Calvin Eastman
Richards, William Henry	Sumner, Frank William	Wilde, Francis Brook
Robertson, Wm. Alexander	Swenson, John Augustus	Wilkins, James Malcolm
Root, Ira Colburn	Swift, James Flittercroft	Wilson, Charles
Rundell, William Mason	Taylor, John Brinkworth	Wilson, James Knox Polk
Russell, John Adam	Taylor, John Ward	Woodlock, John
Ryan, Michael	Thomas, Charles Lewis	Wooster, John Benjamin
Salsbury, Warren Higgins	Thompson, George Howard	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Schoder, Joseph	Thompson, Lucius	Wylie, James
Scott, Ebenezer	Thornton, Samuel Kennedy	York, William—324.
Scott, Shailer Mackintosh		

RESTORED :

Bullis, Omri	Hinman, Louis Adrian	Stoutenborough, John Henry
Callaghan, Charles	Morgan, David, Jr.	Thomson, Malcolm—6.

WITHDRAWN :

Abell, Walter S	Moore, Robert Henry	Thomson, Malcolm
Callaghan, Charles	Thomas, Thomas	Vollmer, Edward—7.
Churchill, Clark		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Dalbey, Edgar Wilson	Reed, Jesse Combs	Smith, Adrian Russell—3.
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EXPELLED :

Beat, John Tritten—1.

DIED :

Eastman, Frank	Osgood, George	Traylor, William Wilson
Hotchkiss, Henry Wells	Smith, Stephen Henry	Williamson, Robert Stockton
King, John		—7.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	251	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted	76	Suspended for non-pay'm't of dues	3
Affiliated	9	Expelled	1
Restored	6—342.	Died	7
		Now borne upon the roll.....	324—342.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Thomas Mein, <i>High Priest,</i>	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John McBrown, <i>King,</i>	William Barton, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Halstead Stansfield, <i>Scribe,</i>	Kaskil Casper, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Philip Richards, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Evans, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary,</i>	James White, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
David Eddy Morgan, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	William Holmes, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests :

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,	Kaskil Casper.
Thomas Mein,	Halstead Stansfield,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bridges, Edwin David	Hathaway, Francis Marion	Reid, James
Brown, John Earl	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Richards, William Gilbert
Ruffington, John Mason, Jr.	Long, William David	Roberts, William Anderson
Chapman, Lucius Homer	Marsh, Martin Luther	Rose, David
Crandall, Orman	Martin, Daniel	Rose, James
Dill, John	McBean, John	Searls, Niles
Duryea, William Henry	McNulty, Henry	Shaw, George Crawford
Ennis, Franklin	Montgomery, John	Siddles, Milan Burchard
Fauli, George	Naffziger, Jacob	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Nelson, Ole Amos	Tellam, Frederick
Floyd, William	Niles, Addison Cook	Thomas, Joseph
Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel	Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Tilley, Edwin
Hale, Horace	Pease, Sanford Orrin	Williamson, Levi—54.
Hampton, Elisha	Preston, Edward Myers	

WITHDRAWN :

Donald, James Sanders, Josiah—2.

EXCLUDED :

McElvy, Charles—1.

DIED :

Goldsmith, Abraham

Powers, George S—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	57	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	2—59.	Excluded.....	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	54—59.

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.**Benicia, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

George Poor, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wm. Robert Campbell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas McKay, <i>King</i> ,	John Mounce, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Murdock McArthur, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Sharfenberg, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Reuger, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Morgan Williams, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward William Sanborn, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Weinman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Timothy Sage, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John William Kelly, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Timothy Sage,

George Poor.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Crooks, Jehn Edwin	Mathewson, John	Morton, Elijah
Danforth, Edwin	Mathewson, William	Spalding, Charles
Fleming, George	McDonell, Archibald	Stuart, Robert
Johnson, Joseph Green	McKenzie, Allan	Von Pfister, Edward Horatio
Long, Michael Henry	Mizner, Lansing Bond	—26.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	21	Now borne upon the roll....	26.
Exalted.....	3		
Affiliated	2—26.		

SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.**Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolph Dobrowsky, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel Potter Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Elijah Mason Dixon, <i>King</i> ,	Edwin Leland Baldwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
John William Garden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hugh Hall Shuffleton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Gunther Fred'k Chas. Shroeter, <i>Treas.</i> ,	George Warren Averill, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ely Hopping, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Frederick Huester, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Mortimer Cherberry Allen, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Ulysses Richard Lord, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Adolph Dobrowsky,

Daniel Potter Bystle,

Joseph Weil.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Charles	Cutter, Harry Hill	Mitchell, Marshal Alex.
Andrew, William	Guptill, William Neal	Moore, Joseph
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Hull, Sylvester	Nichols, James Levin
Chappell, James Nathan	Martin, Edward Armstead	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Coleman, Adoram	Martin, Rufus Franklin	Parker, Elbridge Garry
Croighton, Charles Wesley	Matlock, David B	Recardo, John D

Reagan, James	Shearin, Daniel Thomas	Webb, John Paxton
Reinecke, Christopher	Souter, John	Weil, David
Reynolds, John Edward	Sweet, Henry Andrew	Weil, Sigmond
Ross, Herman Frederick	Syme, John	Wimmer, James Moses
Saulon, Andrea	Taylor, Clay Webster	Winsell, James Fletcher
Scammon, James Freeman	Taylor, Holloway	Witherow, Samuel Newton
Scott, John Varner	Thatcher, George Wash'gton	—51.

PAST MASTER :

Lodge, Robert James—1.

DIED :

Leiter, Julius

O'Neal, Josiah

Swain, Alex. Cartwright—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....48 Died..... 3
 Exalted..... 6—54. Now borne upon the roll51—54.

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.

Sutter Creek, Amador County.

Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Lithgow, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wallace Kay, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Dunlap, <i>King</i> ,	Morris Brinn, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
David Thomas Davies, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Redpath, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
—, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Converse Voorhies, <i>Mast. 2d Vail</i> ,
Alonzo King Dudley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Bell, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John McDougal Post, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Jelemina, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward,	Robert Aitken,	John Lithgow.
John Whitten Surface,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Adams, James	Jennings, William	Russell, John Elisha
Allen, George	Marchant, John	Spagnolia, Benedito
Bennette, William Arthur	McLaine, Laughlin	Spagnolia, Sylv'r Giovanni
Berryman, Andrew	Manon, Samuel Sandford	Steinberger, John Adam
Campbell, John Miss	Milliken, Jesse.	Stewart, James Franklin
Clate, Peter Alonzo	Miller, John	Stewart, Samuel Deount R.
Cooledge, Walter Scott	Newman, George	Stevens, James Bounty
Fagan, Peter	Oulds, John	Sutherland, William
Farley, James Thompson	Patterson, David Anderson	Surface, James Philip
Ford, Henry Darnell	Poundstone, Laurence Ryder	Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Frates, Frank	Purinton, Columbus Allen	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Gunsolus, William Henry	Richardson, Lorenzo C.	Whitelach, Daniel Henry
Hall, Henry Frank	Robinson, Robert	Yelmina, Victor Pacific—54.
Isaacs, Bernard		

PAST MASTER :

Perkins, John Dabney

WITHDRAWN :

Cosner, Robert—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

McMurray, James William—1.

DIED :

Houston, John Weakley

Lutneskey, Vincent—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	56	Withdrawn	1
Exalted.....	2—58.	Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
		Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	54— 58.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.

Merced, Merced County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS :

Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>High Priest,</i>	Adolph Simon, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Silas Wright Geis, <i>King,</i>	Aaron Badt, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Lewis Silman, <i>Scribe.</i>	Isaac Henry Sproule, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Isaac Henry Jacobs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Nicholas Breen, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Max Wassman, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Leland Means, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Thomas Hall, <i>Guard,</i>

Past High Priests :

Charles Macmurdo Blair,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,	Hiram Newton Rucker.
John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Adams, William	Hart, William John	Rose, Henry Christopher
Barfield, George Hardwick	Howeth, Nelson	Russell, John
Bibby, Nicholas	Hulse, Alfred Wood	Stoddard, Ebenezer Maxwell
Crittenden, John Leander	Jones, Lewis Fuller	Stoneroad, Geo. Washington
Ferguson, William	Meany, Anthony James	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Harris, Charles Parsons		—31.

PAST MASTERS :

Draper, Wilbur Fisk	Jacobs, Elias	Snyder, John Washington—3.
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WITHDRAWN :

Becker, Frederick

Grade, William Adolph—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Burton, Thomas Newton	Hardwick, William Jefferson	Langblen, Richard
Chapman, Emery Wash'gton	Howell, Mark	Moore, Edwin—7.
Coffman, William Frederick		

DIED :

Bink, Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	36	Withdrawn	2
Exalted.....	4	Suspended for non-payment dues	7
Affiliated.....	1—41.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	31—41.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Charles Lott, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Alonzo Hounsen, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Henry Hudson Rich, <i>King</i> ,	Jesse Beach Fuller, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Ernest Briceno Thompson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hiram Franklin Deaner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Adoniram Judson Batchelder, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Chase, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Richard Goss Stanwood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Benjamin Moon, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jeremiah Andrew Saul, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Fisher, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Lee Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Thomas Hugh Steel,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	Frederick Buttelmann,	Henry Charles Lott.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,	Lemuel Trescott Crane,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Francis Wm. Howard Gibson, Alexander	Meek, Emerson Emmett
Anderson, Thos. Hart Bent'n Hamlin, Norman Scott	Menz, Albert Julius
Baird, George Hall	Millar, Robert
Barnes, Avery Powers	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Barrie, John Ferguson	North, George
Barthe, Eugene	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Oyster, William M
Belcher, William Caldwell	Parks, William Henry
Belding, Lyman	Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow
Bevan, Thomas Edward	Peffer, John
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Reese, Thomas White
Bomatter, Charles	Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Slingsby, William
Caldwell, Arthur Brooks	Soderland, Johannes
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Clark, Levi Blasdell	Sullivan, John Lyon
Covillaud, Charles Julian	Swain, William Caldwell
Davis, Edwin Amenzo	Taylor, William Alexander
Decker, Peter	Teegarden, Eli
Depuy, Edwin Spencer	Thom, David Jr.
Dougall, Thomas	Tomb, Jacob
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Van Fleet, William
Eastman, James Frederick	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Ellis, William Turner	Weber, Henry Victor
Eagle, John Philip	White, Amasa Willey
Flint, Joseph A	Wightman, Avery Isaac
Friend, William	Wilcoxson, Caleb Eliasha
Gerkin, John Henry	Willey, Amasa Parker
Gianella, Vincenzo	Wilson, Sanford Ellis—106.
Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	
Jones, William Price	
Keymer, James	
Keyser, Philip Walter	
Knight, David Edgar	
Kosby, Augustus Emil	
Krause, Frederick Lowe	
Lask, Joseph	
Logan, Anderson Dabney	
Marcuse, Meyer A	
Marcuse, Marcus	
Marker, Henry Bowman	
Mattison, Charles	
McCargar, Harman	
McKenzie, James Buchanan	
McNutt, John Fleming	

PAST MASTER:

Levy, Jacob—1.

RESTORED:

Bockius, Charles George	Reese, Thomas White	Wilson, Robert Cooke—4.
Cheesney, John		

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WITHDRAWN :

Bockius, Charles George	Jones, Richard	Mason, William Ferington
Cheaney, John	Keser, Louis	Ross, Samuel Haws
Hoag, George Winfield	Kopf, Claus	Wilson, Robert Cooke—10.
Jones, James Thaddeus		

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	102	Withdrawn.....	10
Exalted	9	Now borne upon the roll.....	106—116.
Affiliated	1		
Restored.....	4—116.		

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Daniel C Dunn, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Nathaniel Prather, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Orrin Francis Mann, <i>King</i> ,	William Winfield Blanchard, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Henry Ward Wright, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Horatio Wilson Cate, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Wilbur Justus Willcox, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Alexander Fleming, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Fred Ellis, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Philetus Finch, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Hyde Braly, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Jacob Moser, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Wilbur Justus Willcox,	William Osman Breyfogle,
George May,	Henry Howard Cook,	Wilson Hays.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, William Jr.	Hamilton, Alonzo Babbitt	Niehaus, Edward
Andrews, Hardage Lane	Hare, Andrew Jackson	Northern, William Leander
Arnold, Austin	Haydock, William Henry	Peacock, Geo. Washington
Beard, John Lyman	Hollis, William Henry	Priest, Richard Turner
Bennett, Augustus Griffin	Hopkins, Isaiah Little	Reither, Jacob
Bennett, George Edmund	Keith, John Matthew	Roberts, Return
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Ladd, Morris	Rowley, Albanus Bellger
Blair, Thomas Henry	Laine, Thomas Henry	Rucker, Joseph Edmundson
Bowen, Alfred	Lenzen, Theodore	Sargent, James Pattee
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	Lighthall, George Elisha	Sexton, William
Bray, George	Lowrie, John	Scott, Alexander Franklin
Breyfogle, Charles Wesley	Marston, Samuel Ingersoll	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Brown, Jeremiah Yancy	Martin, William Joseph	Sim, George
Cadwallader, Niram	Maine, William Thomas	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw
Castle, Alex. Wilson	McAfee, Finley Andrew	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	McClosky, Thomas	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
Coffin, Fred. Sanford	McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Tisdale, William DeWitt
Cook, Joseph Wheeler	McKee, George Butterfield	Vandine, Eben
Cory, Benjamin	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Wagener, Samuel Hopkins
Daugherty, Wm. Wallace	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Weller, Henry Olp
Emerson, George	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Wells, Proctor R
Fallon, Thomas	Moore, Howell Chappelle	Whidden, George Ackerman
Gay, Milus Harvey	Mortimer, William	Williams, Edward
Ginty, John	Mott, John	Woodrow, Wm. Larkin—90.
Gribner, George Thomas		

WITHDRAWN :

Arnold, Charles Henry Stephens, Columbus Cecil Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—4.
Boring, Samuel Watson

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Black, James Francis Jackson, William Andrew—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....74	Withdrawn..... 4
Exalted.....16	Suspended for non-payment dues.. 2
Affiliated..... 6—96.	Now borne upon the roll.....90—96.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John William Bird, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Vance, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>King</i> ,	Louis Constantine Huseman, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Andrew Jackson Fabricius, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William McConnell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Morris Walbridge, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Andrew Edward Schwatka, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Francis Riley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Daniel Ream,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	John William Bird,
Abisha Swain,	John Morris Walbridge,	Louis Constantine Huseman.
James Vance,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amos, Thomas	Jones, John Johnson	Owens, Alexander
Carriek, Elijah	Knight, George Horace	Rostetter, George
Doten, Josiah Wilson	Nichols, Henry	Schnackenberg, Claus
Eddy, William Castleton	Osterman, Jurgen	White, Samuel—27.
Horn, David		

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, Mitchell Alexander Durand, George—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Crooks, Andrew Donaldson Rogers, Franklin Augustus Shaw, David Henry—4.
Digges, James Alden

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report....33	Withdrawn..... 2
	Suspended for non-payment dues. 4
	Now borne upon the roll.....27—33.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.**Placerville, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest,</i>	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>P. Sojourner,</i>
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>King,</i>	_____, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Samuel Jemison Alden, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Washington Barlow, <i>Mas. 3d. Vail,</i>
Guisepppe Boller, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Fraser, <i>Master 2d. Vail,</i>
Frederick Ferdinand Baras, <i>Secretary</i>	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 1st. Vail,</i>
Chas. Henry Weatherwax, <i>C. of the Host,</i>	Charles John Arvidsson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Baras,	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	George Heirn Gilbert.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Avansino, Nicola	Hamel, Henry	Pierce, Charles Caleb
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilair
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Hunger, Frederick	Schneider, John
Cello, Carlo Guisepppe	Mack, George Franklin	Theisen, John
Danz, Paul	Miller, Daniel Rice	Van Voorhies, Ralph Josiah
Deuch, John William	Miller, John Wesley	Weymouth, James Lambeth
Gelwicks, Daniel William	Page, Horace Francis	Yendon, William—32.

DIED.

Bowe, Edward Young

Burnham, George—2.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report..... 33	Died..... 2
Affiliated..... 1—34.	Now borne upon the roll..... 32—34.

LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.**Iowa City, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

James Ross, <i>High Priest,</i>	Peter Nicolai Juergensen, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i>
Chester Hackett, <i>King,</i>	William Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Willis Fish Gould, <i>Scribe,</i>	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 3d. Vail,</i>
James Weeks Chinn, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Franklin Youder, <i>Master 2d. Vail,</i>
William Clinton Rich, <i>Secretary,</i>	Truman Allen Stevens, <i>Master 1st. Vail,</i>
Edward Geo. Spencer, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George Jones, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich,

James Ross.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Barrett, Adams	Hyman, Samuel	Mitchell, Edward
Carder, James Byron	Ingersoll, Darius	Rioh, James Jasper
Christy, William	Jacobs, James Monroe	Smiley, Albert Parah
Coker, Gould Carleton	Jones, Owen	Smith, Jonathan Mitchell
Develey, Henry K.	Lewis, Robert	Vaughan, Daniel Jackson
Hammill, Henry	McGraw, Dennis Joseph	White, William King
Hobson, John Beaugard	Mill, William	Wolfe, William Greene—83.

DIED :

Van Divier, John Floyd—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	34.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	33—34.

GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Peter Johnston, <i>King,</i>	Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Vincent, <i>Master 3d. Vail,</i>
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Herman Uphoff, <i>Master 2d. Vail,</i>
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robert Kemp, <i>Master 1st. Vail,</i>
William Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Houston Whiting, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble,	Alex'r Buchanan Brady,	Reuben Leach,
William McCormick,	Edward Coleman,	John Crisp Coleman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Robert	Coombe, William	Husom, Andrew
Andrews, James	Crocker, John Ross	Jones, William C
Angove, John	Dorsey, John Jacob	Kendig, Daniel
Bennallack, James	Douglass, William	Loney, Christopher
Berg, Alfred	Dunston, William	Long, Stephen
Berriman, Henry	Fairhurst, Geo. Washington	Lowrey, Richard Daniel
Binkelman, David	Fricot, Jules	Majors, John Newton
Bryant, David	Gad, Bernard	Mitchell, William Henry
Bryant, William Henry	Gluyas, James	Nitchell, Charles Henry
Burnie, Alexander	Granger, Samuel	Moore, Stephen
Caddy, Richard	Halleck, Joseph	Noel, Richard
Catron, William	Hand, William Dawson	Noel, James Clymer
Champion, James	Hand, William Henry	Noonan, Patrick
Clift, William	Hatch, Martin Payne	Pears, Joseph
Coombs, William	Hooper, James	Polglase, John

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Price, Briscoe Hugh	Saxon, Edward	Stoddard, Walter Scott
Rhatigan, John	Saxon, James	Stokes, William Charles
Roberts, Edmund Wilson	Spencer, William Kenyon	Vogelman, Henry
Roland, Louis Jerome	Stoddard, Alexander	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Sanders, John	Stoddard, Orlando	Williams, Henry—76.

DIED.

Smith, Charles Woolson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	77.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	76—77.

TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

Stated Meetings second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wiley James Tinnin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John McMurray, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>King</i> ,	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Detlif Hansen, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Peter Paulsen, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Belty Essick, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John William Philbrook, <i>Secretary</i> ,	David Harden, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Champion W Smith, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,	James Harvey,	John McMurray.
Wiley James Tinnin, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Black, Peter Paterson	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Rowles, James
Given, James Edgar	Miller, Thomas Love	Smith, John Huron
Given, William Cushing	Musser, John	Van Matre, George
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Paulsen, Jacob	Vollmers, Otto
Hackett, George J.	Pickett, James Madison	Zarli, Frederick—31.
Harvey, Alfred	Raab, Louis Frederick	

PAST MASTER:

Shuford, John William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	26	Now borne upon the roll.....	31.
Exalted.....	5—31.		

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.

Oroville, Butte County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Carleton Gray, <i>High Priest,</i>	Warren Sexton, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Edward Jennings Davis, <i>King,</i>	Milton James Green, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Wallace Homer Chappell, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Moon Shaw, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Ralzemond Parker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William James, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Nathaniel Dunbar Plum, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Featherstone, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Lewis Aaron Simon, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Constantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Callow,	Arthur McDermott,	Charles Hart Wilcox,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Thomas Jarrett Jenkins,	John Carleton Gray.
George Clement Perkins,	George Henry Crossette,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bayles, David	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Meredith, John Robert
Bowden, James Frederick	Hartson, Charles Gardner	Perkins, David King
Brown, William Alexander	Heintz, Thibaud	Powell, David
Buchanan, Phil. Goodridge	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Pratt, Enoch Henry
Burroughs, Charles	Hewett, John Boughton	Buggles, Elijah Star
Butler, Charles Frederick	Hoops, Louis Wilhelm	Sjoberg, Anders Gustaf
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Hundley, Patrick Ogilby	Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison
Dyer, George Washington	Hutchins, Thomas Boyd	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Edmunds, William	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Stearns, Amos Kies
Faulkner, Thomas	Logan, James Columbus	Taber, Floyd
Fleming, Thomas Robert	McDermott, Wm. Patrick	Waldeyer, Charles
Foreman, William	Medanich, George	Wells, Michael Henry
Glass, Louis	Melton, Leander M. C.	Young, Henry George—59.
Goodday, Louis		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Grace, Robert Patrick—1.

MARK MASTER:

Willoughby, Nicholas—1.

PAST MASTER:

Morgan, Jenkin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Block, Joseph—1.

EXCLUDED:

Beall, John

Hays, David Bright

Hida, Jehu—3.

DIED:

Branscom, John

Mortimer, George

Wagner, Frank—4.

McBeth, John

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	60	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	5	Excluded.....	3
Affiliated.....	2—67.	Died.....	4
		Now borne upon the roll.....	59—67.

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downsville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Byington, <i>King</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Brown Crooks, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jacob Lewis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Livingstone Whitney, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> .
William Ryan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Aden Denmire, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George C. Martin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Thatcher, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Warner,

William Thompson Luther.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbe, George Henry	Gale, John	Thomas, Henry
Aird, Alexander Fisher	Jones, John Oscar	Thompson, David Edward
Bernhardt, Lewis	McGregor, James	Wallis, Hiram Wilsey
Blohm, John August	McNaughton, Donald	Wayland, William Allen
Bradbury, John T	McNaughton, James	West, John Thorrensues
Busch, August Christopher	Peacock, James Richard	Weir, Hiram George
Clute, John Howard	Ross, John	Wilcox, Schuyler Nind
Culbert, William	Skinner, John Maxwell	Wilkins, William
Edmonds, Thomas	Stewart, Samuel Curtis	Wilkinson, William
Ellery, Henry Jr.	Strange, Henry	Williams, Thomas—45.
Erschbacher, Franz Antone	St. Pierre, John	

WITHDRAWN:

Thom, Alexander

Hanley, William A.—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Malone, Rowland Cusin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41	Withdrawn.....2
Exalted.....7—48.	Suspended for non-payment dues..1
	Now borne upon the roll.....45—48.

PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.

Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Alonzo Wiswell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Dolphe Brice Fairbanks, <i>Prin Sojourner</i> .
William Emery Cox, <i>King</i> ,	Joseph Frank Fairbanks, <i>R. A. Captain</i> .
Platt Benedict Gilbert, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Roe Veale, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> .
William Zartman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Leonard Haubrich, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Miles Henry Falkner, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Washington Zartman, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Singley, Benjamin Franklin Tuttle, William Barnabas Haskell,
 Thomas Jefferson Graham, Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, Noah William Scudder.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baur, John	Hasbrouck, Hiram Brown	Roseburgh, Allen
Bibler, William	Heineken, Herman Albert	Rugg, William Hazen
Bonetti, Luca	Hill, William	Sartori, Ignatio
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Ink, Theron Hotchkiss	Schroyer, Aaron
Brainard, Henry Payne	Jacobs, Thomas Robert	Taft, Hiram Fayette
Burnham, Charles Franklin	Kahn, Achille	Temple, Conrad
Cavanagh, John	Knowles, James Hulme	Thompson, Jeff'son Asberry
Chopard, Louis	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Louis
Christie, John Boyd	Lippitt, Edward Spalding	Tomasini, Juliano
Collins, Franklin Miller	Merritt, John	Tomasini, Matteo
Cox, William Edwin	Mitchner, Jonathan	Van Doren, John Suydam
Denman, Frank Hardenb'gh	Moffit, John	Walter, Isaac M
Dinwiddie, Jas. Lockridge	Patty, Levi Hartzell	Whitney, Albion Paris
Dreyfuss, Edward	Pedrazzini, Louis	Whitney, Arthur Lealie
Fairbanks, Hiram Tolbert	Pierce, Abraham Jewell	Wickersham, Jessie C
Grandi, Salvatore	Poehlmann, Conrad	Yeomans, Charles
• Haney, Frank	Polk, Charles Ephraim	Zook, Francis Kurtz—69.

WITHDRAWN:

Lackey, Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....60 Withdrawn 1
 Exalted.....10—70. Now borne upon the roll.....69—70.

OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 23.

Forest Hill, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

John E Allan, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Tickel, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles Trafton, <i>King,</i>	Christian Volland, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Scribe,</i>	Alexander Dolt, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Felix Chappelet, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Reuben Moore Sparks, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William MacLennan, <i>Secretary.</i>	Simeon Sylvester Willard, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frank E Colburn, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Joel Franklin Smith, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

James Russell Glover, Joel Franklin Smith, John E Allan.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Erskine	Dewey, Charles Hitchcock	Jones, John D
Blumenthal, Louis	Fast, John Henry Adolph	Lynd, Charles
Breece, Abram	Goff, Abner W	McLean, John William
Byrd, Jacob Warwick	Hodge, James	White, Walter Raleigh
Carter, John Franklin	Hosmer, Thomas Norwood	Williams, Richard—30.
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	Huntley, Asahel	

DIED :

Powell, Peyton—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	27	Died.....	1
Exalted.....	3	Now borne upon the roll.....	30—31.
Affiliated.....	1—31.		

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Camptenville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John George McLellan, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Alexander Meek, <i>King</i> ,	Valentine Cook McMurray, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Moore, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Eugene Beaucharnais Covey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Gardiner Miller, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Otis Nelsn Marrow, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
David Calvin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Russell, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Josiah Perkins Brown,	Richard Munt,	Valentine Cook McMurray.
John George McLellan,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnott, James	Gibson, William Walker	Nelson, James
Baker, Richard	Landecker, David Henry	Smith, Henry
Beaman, John Henry	Mansur, Carlos Frederick	Spencer, Stephen—23.
Elias, Isaac	McLellan, Charles	

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	23.	Now borne upon the roll.....	23.
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GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS :

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Warren Russell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Solomon Adams Berry, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Lagerson, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Beattie, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Geo. Washington Simpser, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Giosni Bassi, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
DeWitt Clinton Benjamin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Massimino Pedrini, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Moon, <i>Captain of the Host</i> .	John Paul Jones Davison, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Roush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Anderson, William Carey	Fleishman, Jacob	Pease, Edwin R
Bayley, Alexander Alonzo	Jillson, Emmett	Pedrini, Cipriano
Carter, John Elliot	Jones, Thomas Edward	Wade, John
Dunahoo, Wm. Washington	Maltby, Henry Grove	Watson, Elijah Harper—28.
Filippini, Rinaldo		

PAST MASTER :

Warren, Harvey Elias—1.

EXCLUDED :

Downs, John Loller—1.

DIED :

Spencer, Willis Eugene—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....29	Excluded.....1
Affiliated.....1—30.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....28—30.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS :

Frank Howard Brooks, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Todd Gardiner, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Edwin Gillett, <i>King</i> ,	Ebenezer Winchester, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Amasa Wright Bishop, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John J. Newsom, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Frank Pierce, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Dieves, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Lentell, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Goodman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Henry Elisha Hitchcock, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher,	Thatcher Peter Wales,	James Todd Gardiner,
Benjamin Akerly,	William Burt Clayton,	Frank Howard Brooks.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Ayer, Isaac	Glascock, John Raglan	Nolan, Stephen
Ayres, William Harrison	Greenhood, Jacob	Nordhausen, Earnest Albert
Babcock, Geo. Washington	Hall, Joseph Lee	Rasmussen, Hans
Bennison, George Edward	Harwood, Wm. Douglass	Reid, Charles Wood
Blair, George Washington	Henninger, Frederick	Reinstadler, Francois
Broad, Charles	Irwin, John Clark	Ryttenberg, Isaac Daniel
Bryan, Marshal Ney	Janssen, Ernst F. George	Shattuck, Francis Kitttridge
Burner, John Davies	Kennedy, William	Shiman, John Lewis
Cordes, Paul Henry	Kerr, Louis Carmick	Troy, John Henry
Delger, Frederick	Logan, Oliver Cunningham	Warner, Franklin
Estradra, Frederick	Mann, Benjamin Franklin	Williams, Marc Anthony
Everett, Daniel Henry	Marr, Archibald Campbell	Williams, Nicholas
Evers, John Henry	Marsh, John Carleton	Wright, Willard Carroll
Ferguson, Henry James	McKeen, Albert Atwater	Wonderlich, John Peter—59.
Francis, Samuel	McKee, William William	

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Knight, Frederick Wales Pierce, John Hiram Schaffer, Louis—3.

MARK MASTER:

Dalton, Henry Philip—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Lloyd, Robert—1.

EXCLUDED:

Simpson, George—1.

DIED:

Hirshberg, Samuel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	54	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	6	Excluded.....	1
Affiliated.....	2—62.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	59—62.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Matthias Fulweiler, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Pierre Cheesman DuBois, <i>King</i> ,	Adrian Story Whittemore, <i>Royal A. Capt.</i> ,
Gera Bretton Predmore, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benj. Dulaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Barter, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Dickinson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Thomas Milton Todd, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Robert William Roberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles John Hellwig, John Thompson Kinkade, John Gould Bisbee.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Applegate, George Wallace	Harry, John	Phillips, Joseph Eva
Bardwell, John Milton	Hoppert, Christopher Henry	Pratt, Jonathan Davis
Borland, James	Ketchum, Marvin	Rusing, Edward S
Burchard, James Philo	Lavenson, Moses	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick
Coleman, Timothy	Levison, Isador	Severance, William Wallace
Connor, John Michael	Lux, Francis Antone	Shepherd, Harper Michael
Curl, Louis	Martin, Charles	Smith, Edward Guy
Curtis, Henry Chittendon	McBride, John	Stonecipher, Isaac
Ertle, John	Mears, Josiah	Sundholm, Matts
Graham, Henry Charles	Moore, Wash'gt'n LaFayette	Taylor, Hosea
Griffith, Griffith	Mullen, William Henry	Taylor, John Nay
Grohs, Fredrick Peter	Phillips, James Penrarys M.	Winders, John Robert—51.
Harper, Thomas Burrill		

RESTORED:

Myers, Benjamin Franklin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Myers, Benjamin Franklin—1.

EXCLUDED:

Crandall, John Riggs

Schuetze, Albert Henry—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	50	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	3	Excluded.....	2
Restored.....	1—54.	Now borne upon the roll.....	51—54

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.**Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Doran Lucius Campbell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Benjamin Eadie Kerr, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John Henry O'Brien, <i>King,</i>	James Caven, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Yardley, <i>Scribe,</i>	Angus McKinnon, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Cunningham, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Edward Scott, <i>Secretary,</i>	Milton Peirce Henderson, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Ephraim Robbins, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Philip Thomas Brown, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Alexander Chalmers,	Isaac Lothrop,
Edward Richards Hedges,	George Alex. McKenzie,	Doran Lucius Campbell.
Thomas Kent Hook,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Backman, Carl August	French, Abel Claypool P.	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Bailey, Lamartine Edward	Fyfe, Joseph	Ranney, Sullivan
Barber, Joseph Martin	Gardner, Thomas M	Reid, Robert King
Bargion, Peter	Graham, William	Robertson, Peter Sterling
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	Harrison, William Bruce	Russell, Richard William
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce	Harrold, Nath'l Siggons	Sanguinetti, Domenico
Beckwith, Byron DeLa	Hickman, Edward	Schmidt, Frederick Wm.
Belding, Charles	Hildreth, George Francis	Shaw, Henry Coffin
Berry, Frederick T	Hodgkins, Henry	Sherman, Edwin Brown
Bond, Morris Hartwell	Hosmer, John Allen	Shurtleff, Geo. Augustus
Brutschy, Charles	Hughes, Henry John	Smith, Geo. Falkenburgh
Buckley, William Samuel	Jackson, John Rob't Scott	Smith, James Caldwell
Caine, John	Jamieson, And. Robertson	Snow, William
Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Jockers, David	Stewart, Frank
Cavis, Joseph Mills	Kinsley, Charles Nichols	Stockton, Elias Alonzo
Cavis, Joseph William	Kirkland, William	Swain, Cornelius
Confer, Solomon Lytle	Langford, Benj. Franklin	Thresher, Minord Sprague
Craig, Howard Mills	Meinecke, Frederick	Tilghman, George
Daniels, James Moore	Milco, Nicola	Thompson, John William
Dunbar, Sylv's Gil Sargent	Misener, Norman Sumner	Vance, John Anderson
Eldridge, Edward Duane	Newell, Timothy Winn	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter
Fanning, Howard Malcomb	Orr, Nelson Mills	Woods, John Newton
Folsom, Gilman	Paulk, Charles Cyrus	West, Fred'k Macondray—88.
Fraser, Philip Barry	Peters, Joseph D	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Harrison, Norval	Haines, John Sherburn—2.
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PAST MASTERS:

Rhodes, Charles Wise	Rhodes, William Henry Harrison—2.
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RESTORED:

Folsom, Gilman	Meinecke, Frederick—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Requa, James Edgar—1.

DIED:

Lander, Israel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	72	Withdrawn	1
Exalted	15	Died	1
Restored	2	Now borne upon the roll	88—90

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.**North San Juan, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Napoleon Morris, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Robert McMurray, <i>King</i> ,	Louis Buhring, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Dunning, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Anson Burlingame Swan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Erskine Mason Sunderland, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Trood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Albert James Wood, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Edward Lancaster, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry	Harris, Jarred Junius	Pascoe, Erasmus
Bank, Frederick William	Harris, Thomas	Phillips, Reubin
Bell, Francis Hiram	Helwig, John Henry	Reddington, James
Beari, James Edward	Henderson, Duncan	Rogers, William James
Billing, John	Hickman, John Clayborne	Ruse, Joseph
Bristow, William	Huff, William	Scheuerman, Charles
Butler, Patrick Henry	Inder, Job Staples	Spooner, George Cummings
Chisholm, James	Jepsen, Christian Otto	Stone, John
Courter, Henry Farley	Jepsen, Jacob	Stokes, David
Cull, Henry	Lewellyn, Daniel	Thomas, Richard
Cunard, James Henry	Lisson, Richard Samuel	Treanor, James McWade
Davis, William Morgan	McCoy, John	Trood, William
Freeman, Thomas	McCullough, James	White, Elon
Furth, Simon	McIntire, James Lamberton	Williams, William William
Germiquet, Louis Adolph	Morgan, John Thomas	Woodruff, Aphek Lorenzo
Gilbert, Josiah Stephens	Netter, Nathan	Wood, Washington—61.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Buhring, Harry Herman

Rossen, Peterson Rasmus—2.

PAST MASTERS:

Harris, Thomas Voel

Jones, William Arthur—2.

RESTORED:

Ayer, Leonard Barney—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Ayer, Leonard Barney

Hawley, Oscar Franklin

Rich, Henry Hudson—3.

DIED:

Tucker, Joseph Bernard—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....61	Withdrawn.....3
Exalted.....3	Died.....1
Restored.....1—65.	Now borne upon the roll.....61—65.

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Ray Gritman, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Beebe Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Daniel Burrell Parks, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Gottardo Bustelli, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Andrews, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Robert Crouch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Louis Amstutz, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Leopold Haas, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Marcom Martin, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Calvin Bowers Walker, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Ralph Ellis,	Charles Ray Gritman.
Robert Crouch,	William Bradford,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Briggs, Sobra	Hoover, John	Schoenewald, George
Brown, Jacob Barry	Horstmeyer, Henry Conrad	Shaw, Matthew
Carver, Dimsdill Burr	Johnston, Ewing Finis	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Clark, Samuel Gilman	Kettlewell, Benj. Franklin	Smith, William C. Schenck
Corwin, Louis Marion	Lyman, Wm. Whittingham	Sterling, Robert Henry
Ellis, Frederick Plummer	Mecklenberg, Joseph	Steves, John Henry
Fisher, William Frederick	Morford, Nathan Albert	Van Bever, Peter
Gettleston, Henry	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Wines, Charles Buckley
Greer, Thomas	Pickett, Charles Nathan	Woolley, Burt Eliphaz
Haas, Martin Luther	Sampson, Andrew	Woodward, Edwin Webster
Hawks, John	Sayward, James Wheaton	Zollner, John Ferdin'nd—47.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Holden, Samuel Emery—1.

RESTORED:

Clark, Samuel Gilman—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Davis, James Richardson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	39	Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
Exalted	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	47—48.
Restored.....	1		
Affiliated.....	2—48.		

MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William John Douglas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Pugh Edwards, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, <i>King</i> ,	William Henry Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Bernard Borach, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Morrill Hale, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isidor Weiss, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Griffin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Eli Robins Chase, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Henry Miles Hollenbeck, <i>Guard</i> ,

Past High Priests:

Thomas Allen Brown,	William Morrill Hale,	William John Douglas.
Hiram Mills,	Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, George Edmund	Gamble, James	Ruggles, Chas. Augustus
Atken, James	Gray, James	Sanford, Farmer
Baldwin, Barry	Guy, John W.	Shreeves, Benjamin
Blum, Gabriel	Holliday, George	Slitz, John
Boyd, John Wheaton	Jones, Joseph Philip	Tours, Jacobus
Brown, Samuel	Joye, Edward Vernon	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Brown, Warren	Lambert, Hiram	Turrell, George William
Burpee, Winfield Scott	McCarger, Philander	Wagy, Elmer B
Carter, Thomas Orlando	McKellip, Stephen Horace	Wall, George
Compton, William	Miller, Charles Edward	Walker, James Tormay
Cousins, Charles Samuel	Newberger, Solomon	Wiggins, George
Evans, Hugh	O'Brien, John Conlin	Williams, Isaac
Fernandez, Bernardo	Rankin, James	Wright, George Creighton
Gallagher, Henry Clay	Ridgway, Frazier	Zech, August Frederick—56.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Willey, George Adrian—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Fouch, John Franklin

Zifferer, Franz Joseph—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	42	Withdrawn	2
Exalted.	14	Now borne upon the roll.	56—58.
Affiliated.	2—58.		

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.*Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.**Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Seth Crawford, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>King,</i>	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Michael Edward Ryan, <i>Scribe,</i>	Samuel Prager, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Meyer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George Rawson Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Michael Levy, <i>Secretary,</i>	Jerry Illich, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Samuel Calvert Foy, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Herman Niedecken, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	Samuel Calvert Foy,	George Hinds,
Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Samuel Prager,	James Seth Crawford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Henry Nash	Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Enz, Charles Augustus
Allen, Gabriel	Davis, Philip	Flanigan, Thomas Joseph
Barrows, Henry Dwight	Denker, Andrew Henry	Gross, Frederick
Baruch, Berthold	Downey, John Gately	Grymes, George Anderson
Baruch, Jacob	Ducommun, Charles Louis	Hammel, Henry
Bennett, Silas	Eckert, Robert	Hewitt, Eldridge Edward

Jacoby, Herman	Meyberg, Moritz	Smith, Henry Martyn
Jaeger, Lewis, <i>J F</i>	Moore, Walter Scott	Spence, Edward Fallis
Lambie, William Thomas	Porter, Theo. Cunningham	Weil, Jacob
Lambourne, Frederick	Reynolds, John Jefferson	Weldon, Arthur
Loew, Jacob	Russell, Henry T'	Weston, Benjamin S
Long, Jerry	Ryan, Andrew William	Yapp, Frederick Geo.—51.
McLellan, Geo. Frederick		

WITHDRAWN:

Bragg, Ansel Mellen	Pearson, Richmond C	Smith, Charles—4.
Buffum, William Mansfield		

DIED:

Bruning, Henry Nicholas—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	53	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted,.....	2	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	1—56.	Now borne upon the roll.....	51—56.

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.

Quincy, Plumas County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Rob't Hen. Faunt LeRoy Variel, <i>H. Priest</i> ,	Arthur Walter Keddie, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Ephraim Mitchell, <i>King</i> ,	Julien Jacquel, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Maurice Chapman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Peter Howard, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Ira Parsons, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Addison Ketchum, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Henry Whitlock, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Davis Clark Hall, <i>Captain of the Hos!</i> ,	Samuel Taylor, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Abel McFarland,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland, Joshua Hutchins Variel.
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,	Charles Oliver McQuestion,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brabban, Dixon	Lloyd, John Preston	Schofield, Miles
Byers, William Thomas	McDonald, Gilbert	Schultz, John Frederick
Cohn, Asher	McFarland, John Carr	Small, Jacob
Descombes, Francis	McLeod, George	Smith, Charles
Douglass, John	Meikle, William	Smith, Daniel Robertson
Dwinel, Aaron Lorenzo	Meylert, Gurdon W.	Sutherland, Roderick
Folsom, Daniel	Nevill, John	Thomas, John Hiram
Graham, George James	Ruppert, Charles	Thompson, Christopher
Hendel, Charles William	Sammons, Benjamin Jacob	Thorp, Joseph Henry—45.
Lee, Thomas Corydon		

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, William Alexander Norton, Mortimer	Schofield, Mark
Chittenden, Henry Hatfield Patterson, Robert Pagan	Thorn, William Davis—7.
Dempster, James	

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Clough, Greenleaf Greelev—1.

DIED:

Hughes, Brainard B

Edwards, James Edwin—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	37	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted.....	16	Suspended for non-pay't of dues.	1
Affiliated.....	2—55.	Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	45—55.

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Mattison Myers, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Daniel Lazelle, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Christian Theodore B. Hallin, <i>King</i> ,	James Howland Jordan, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Louis Garabaldi Harrier, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alex. Bertsch Bertoscky, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Roney, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ira Mortimer Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Daly, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lawrence Duckworth, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Daniel Miller McCool, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jno. Mills Browne, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	George Fayette Mallett,	James Roney,
Mattison Myers,	Charles Daly,	Roland Jackson McDaniel.
Osgood Hilton,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Gottschalk, Charles	Rounds, George
Aden, John Remmers	Haskins, Enoch William	Rutherford, David
Aden, Melchert Remmers	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Sailor, John Henry
Benas, Benjamin	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Savage, Thomas
Bond, Jonathan	Higson, Frederick Delmer	Scott, Alexander, Jr.
Bowman, Frank Austin	Hilborn, Samuel Greeley	Sides, George Elvin
Bowman, Simeon Clemens	Hoornbuck, Eugene	Shillingsburg, William
Brown, Francis Edward	Kemper, Melchior	Smith, John Daniel
Brown, Roswell Homer	Laviere, Frank	Spencer, John Abram
Brownlie, John	Little, Samuel	Starr, Edward Thompson
Bruce, Henry	Lister, Benjamin	Thomas, John
Butler, Orrin Hartwell	McCobb, Abiel Henry	Titcomb, John Locke
Carter, William	McLees, Edmund	Toothaker, Harvey Puringt'n
Chandler, Robert	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Topley, James
Clausen, August Ernst	Morse, Charles Alonzo	Tripp, William Henry
Clark, William Henry	Nagle, Richard Wellington	Voorhees, Albert Parsons
Drake, Frank	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Wall, Charles John
Duncan, John Kennedy	Perkins, Alonzo	Webster, Henry John
Farley, Dallas Jones	Phillips, James	Willats, Edward Albert
Farnham, John	Plalsted, George Pomroy	Williams, Alton Levant
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Pelham, Alexander	Williams, Robert Adrian
Faust, John	Powell, Abraham	Wilson, George Wilkins
Ferrier, Francis	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham	Wright, Gilbert Lafayette
Frey, John	Rogers, David William	Wright, Martin Jeremiah
Garland, Frank	Rothenshah, Peter	

WITHDRAWN:

Drake, Franklin Jeremiah

Holmes, Ensign Kimball—2.

DIED:

Haas, Solomon Leon

Mead, Frank Douglas—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	87	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	6	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	1—94.	Now borne upon the roll.....	90—94.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.**Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Eliot Benton, *High Priest*,
 Samuel Thorburn Black, *King*,
 Charles Nelson Fox, *Scribe*,
 Charles Dexter Pierce, *Treasurer*,
 Webb Nicholson Pearce, *Secretary*,
 Alpheus Kendall, *Capt. of the Host*,

Moses Eadon, *Principal Sojourner*,
 William George Cumming, *Royal A. Capt.*,
 Isaac Ash Skinner, *Master 3d Vail*,
 Harmon Greenman, *Master 2d Vail*,
 George Ellis De Golia, *Master 1st Vail*,
 ——— ——— ———, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Alpheus Fuller Williams, James Dods, George Edwin Whitney,
 Nathan W. Spaulding, P. G. H.P., William Addison Walter, Edward Edmund Potter,
 Walter Laidlaw, Frank Worthy Cushing, John Barton Harden.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allardt, George Frederick
 Allum, Leroy Wood
 Antisell, Thomas Murphy
 Austin, James Davis
 Baker, Alfred Septimus
 Ball, Ambrose Everett
 Banks, Charles Wells
 Bartlett, Pliny
 Bennett, Thomas
 Black, Joseph
 Boone, William Ely
 Bones, Samuel West
 Borland, Archibald
 Bradley, John Tilford
 Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.
 Brigham, Frank Eugene
 Brown, Lewis Henry
 Burrell, Alfred William
 Camron, William Walker
 Collier, John Henry
 Collins, Albert William
 Crellin, John
 Cunningham, Parlan R.

Cushing, John
 Davis, Charles Edmund
 Dingee, William Jackson
 Dusenbury, Myr. Thompson
 Elliott, Washington
 Ellsworth, Henry Martyn
 Emery, Joseph Stickney
 Everson, Wallace
 Fassett, Francis Ronells
 Foulkes, James Franklin
 Gaskill, Rollin Corralus
 Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
 Gordon, Jos. Smith Gilman
 Hamilton, William Thomas
 Harmon, John Brown
 Haven, Charles Dwight
 Hayes, Daniel Edward
 Herbert, Henry Vanderveer
 Heron, Ernest Alvah
 High, Wm. Henderson Jr.
 Hudson, George Henry
 Hunter, James
 Irwin, Harry Frost

Jenks, Charles Caleb
 Kutz, George Fitzgerald
 Lamping, Peter A
 Lancaster, Joseph
 Lee, John
 Loring, George York
 Lubbock, Oswald
 Magill, Arthur Edward
 Marsellus, Edwin P
 Mastick, Joseph Wood
 McClure, David
 McGillivray, Joseph
 McGuire, Jesse Milton
 Merritt, James Bestor
 Metcalf, George Dickson
 Miller, Robert Willis
 Miller, William Noble
 Miller, Peter
 Monnet, Louis
 Moore, Albert Alphonzo
 Morgan, Edward Harrison
 Nichols, Ralph Kenniston
 Nov, William Henry

O'Beirne, Joseph Francis	Rector, Ludlow James	Todd, James Hamilton
Palmer, Cassius Clay	Reichling, Francis	Tubbs, Hiram
Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart	Reichling, Louis Frank	Twombly, Charles Henry
Pardee, Enoch Homer	Rogers, Cecil Denorvan	Upham, Isaac
Patterson, George	Robinson, John Andrew	Van Dyke, Walter
Patterson, John Whitely	Rodolph, Frank Bequette	Wadsworth, Henry
Payne, Frank Howard	Rutherford, Chas. Board'n	Walker, Edward Emery
Phillips, John Waterman	Sessions, Edward Cathcart	Walton, Jesse
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	Sherman, William	Watson, John Braddock
Plomteaux, Henry John	Shorey, Albert	Williams, Robert Neal
Pratt, George Childs	Smith, Henry Sidney	Wilson, John Charles
Prouse, Charles	Spark, Martin Van Buren	Wilson, William
Ranlett, Horace Dodge	Taggart, Grantham Israel	Winchester, John Parker
Raymond, Charles Seward	Tasheira, Lewis	—130.

PAST MASTER:

Brower, John Daniel—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Burleson, Charles Myron	Walker, George Russell
Underwood, Henry Dayton	Woodward, Arthur Sedley—4.

EXCLUDED:

Healey, Jesse	Ward, Robert—2.
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DIED:

Hamilton, Laurentine	Porter, James Johnson
Ingols, James Edward	Whidden, William—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	123	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	13	Excluded.....	2
Affiliated.....	4—140.	Died.....	4
		Now borne upon the roll....	130—140

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.

Colfax, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Lobner, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Leopold Lobner, <i>King</i> ,	Patrick Henry Magin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
August Louis Rabe, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Dysart, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Thomas Bailey, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Leland Cadjew, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Spencer Quire, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	
George N Eells, of Virginia Chapter, No. 3, Nev., <i>Guard</i> .	

Past High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	William Bainbridge Storey.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Boden, Thomas	Himes, Wanton Alfred	Osborn, Robert Smith
Cloudman, Octavius King	Johnson, Gustavus Adolphus	Peden, Albert Oliver
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	Jorden, Edward	Provan, William
Davis, Abraham	Kennedy, Samuel Thomas	Rathburn, John Bell
Disque, Henry	Kopp, Charles Mann	Ritchie, John William
Ella, Henry	Lakamp, John Henry	Rogers, Joseph
Eschbach, David Meyer	Lohman, Peter	Swensson, Samuel Edward
Gilbert, Timothy Andrew	Makins, William Swift	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Hall, James Henry	McClure, Elias Lowe	Vincent, Nicholas
Hayford, James Barrows	McClelland, Felix Grundy	Voss, Louis—44.
Heuser, George Henry	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson	

MARK MASTER:

Marx, Charles—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hodgdon, James Peverly	Oliver, William Gibson	Sara, Richard—5.
Oliver, Alexander Gibson	Rooney, Robert Fleming	

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Allen, Lorenzo Thomas	King, Thornton—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46	Withdrawn.....5
Exalted.....5—51.	Suspended for non-payment dues...2
	Now borne upon the roll.....44—51.

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Louis Schwartz, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Amner, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel Drennan, <i>King</i> ,	Bernard Wise, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Staefler, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Thomas Brooks Groom, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Ely, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Henry Lincoln, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Richard Harrison Hall, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds,	Louis Schwartz,	Thomas Amner.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Butterfield, Charles Henry	Garratt, Richard Moses	Mix, Edgar Henry
Chace, John Day	Gilchrist, Adam	Place, George Washington
Cummings, William Nelson	Handy, Forrest Nelson	Skinner, Henry
Daubenbiss, John	Hinds, David	West, Edward Swift
Fagan, Pierce Bye	McKiernan, Charles	Williams, Edward Lawrence
Fitch, Edwin		—28.

WITHDRAWN:

Adams, Frederick	Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Thompson, Richard—3.
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RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Menefee, Frank George—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	32.	Withdrawn.....	3
		Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	28—32.

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.

Truckee, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS :

David Walter Leach, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Wellington Hoy, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Maria Bittancourt, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Hogan Johnson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wesley James Hall, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Whitehead Roberts, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Warren Richardson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Marzen, Jr., <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lamartine Wilson Young, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> .
Michael Luxenburger, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Albert S Nichols, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Elle Ellen,	Wilson Shannon Dixon,	Thomas Maria Bittancourt.
William Joab Shinn,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Brickell, Edward John	Graham, Andrew Jackson	Ogilvie, David
Chandler, Russell Hunter	Hamilton, Edward	Peck, Nelson Stanley
Cullen, Thomas	Harris, Jacob	Rabel, Frank
Davis, Jonathan	Hill, William Henry	Schaffer, George
De Bernardi, Julius	Hutchinson, John T	Scribner, Samuel
Dunn, Henry George	Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Stirling, James
Dunster, George William	Lewison, Jacob Lewis	Trott, Charles Cornelius
Frates, Frank	Marzen, Joseph	Weed, Abner
Garner, Henry R.	Morrison, William	Wood, George
Gaylord, Eben Hills	O'Brian, John	Young, Samuel Ale xander

—45.

WITHDRAWN :

Godfrey, Thoms Francis	Reanda, Giulio	Smith, Adrian Wilson—4.
Park, Jehn Davis		

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	47	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	2—49.	Now borne upon the roll.....	45—49.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.**Red Bluff, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adoniram Judson Loomis, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Hurd Blossom, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Roderick Henry Bierce, <i>King,</i>	Henry Charles Richart, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
Thomas Newton Howell, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Chapman Voluntine, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Brower Cahoon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Guy Horatio Chase, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Horace Allen Mayhew, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Erskine Fish, <i>Master 1st Vail.</i>
George Champlain, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Adoniram Judson Loomis,	Jerome Banks,	Nathan Crocker.
John Clements,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alvord, Charles Theodore	Kimball, Gorham Gates	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Kingsley, George Leeman	Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart
Cameron, James Strong	Merrill, Nathaniel	Swain, Theodore Slevan
Campbell, Remembrance H	Miller, Francis	Tolley, Henry Harbinson
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Murphy, Sylvanus Everett	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Copeland, Hosmer Curtis	Parker, William Boyd	Wadsworth, Silas Marsden
DeHaven, Jos. Lapsley G'd	Posner, Max	Welton, Lamson Scoville
Foster, Charles Frederick	Puls, George	West, John M
Gedney, David Wetmore	Rawson, Hiram Allen	Wiendieck, Herman Henry
Griggs, Sidney Allen	Reiser, Ellis	Williams, Manly Delos
Graupner, Louis Carl	Roberts, James Bartie	Williams, Richard J
Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Ryan, Thomas R	Wilson, Henry Clay
Houghton, Francis	Schoenfeld, Jeremiah	Winsel, Eli Achum—54.

PAST MASTERS:

Elmore, Robert Hoyle	Johnson, John Meyer—2.
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RESTORED:

Cameron, James Strong	Champlin, George—2.
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WITHDRAWN:

Cone, Joseph Spencer	Hansen, Hans—2.	Austin, William Lowell—1.
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DIED:**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....55	Withdrawn..... 2
Restored..... 2—57.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....54—57.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.**Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Martin Rodgers, <i>High Priest,</i>	William George Hudson, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Alexander Barker Chalmers, <i>King,</i>	James La Fayette Halstead, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Michael Gagnon, <i>Scribe,</i>	Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Greenbaum, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George Arthur Trafton, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Nelson Besse, <i>Secretary,</i>	Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Waters, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:James Martin Rodgers,
James Waters,

William George Hudson,

John Nelson Besse.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Fish, Isaac Benjamin	Morris, Moses
Aldrich, David Medcalf	Fowler, Charles	Mynatt, Elvin Farran
Aldridge, Franklin	Friermonth, Hervey Weston	Payne, John Sidney
Ashley, James Henderson	Ingham, James	Phelan, Martin
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Jones, Columbus Charles	Porter, John Thomas
Brown, James Hiram	Landrum, Wm. Merrimon	Rea, James William
Brown, John Bernard	Linscott, James Austin	Rea, Samuel
Chapman, Jere. Sheldon	Martin, Enos James	Reeve, Henry Francis
Craig, Andrew	Mauk, Edwin Franklin	Trafton, John Edmund
Flint, Thomas Sr.	Mitchell, Charles Edward	West, Henry Edgar
Flint, Thomas Jr.	Moffat, Thomas	Williamson, William—45.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Miller, John William

Norton, Rosco Green—2.

PAST MASTERS:

Briggs, Nash Corwith

Cumming Francis Asbury—2.

RESTORED:

Rea, James William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Alexander, John King	Geil, Samuel Franklin	Thomas, Charles Lewis
Archer, Samuel Milton	Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Trimmer, Oliver Smith
Dexter, Mason Lorenzo	Jackson, Alexander Bell	Vanderhurst, William—11.
Franks, Christian,	Sargent, Bradley Varnum	

DIED:

Blankenship, James Allen—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	53	Withdrawn.....	11
Exalted.....	3	Died.....	1
Restored.....	1—57.	Now borne upon the roll.....	45—57.

CHICO CHAPTER, No 42.**Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Carnot Courtland Mason, <i>High Priest,</i>	Cyrus Greenleaf Warren, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
George Shand, <i>King,</i>	John H. Currie, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Park Montgomery, <i>Scribe,</i>	Wm. Henry Harrison Fuller, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
Charles Faulkner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. Johnson Blackwell, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Davison, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Henry Schooler, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Robert Emmet Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Pleasant Marion Guynn, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Lewis Pond,	Carnot Courtland Mason,	Charles Faulkner.
Rufus Mycagah Cochran,	Robert Emmet Warren,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnard, Timothy Henry	Heath, William Daniel	Ormsby, John McQuaid
Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Herrin, William James	Papst, Albert
Bidwell, John	Hibbard, Albert A	Papst, Charles James
Boucher, Josiah	Hoole, Edward	Reynolds, Edward Tillson
Boydston, James Knox Polk	Jackson, Frank Mason	Robinson, John Rose
Bradley, William Leroy	Jones, Benjamin Franklin	Rundell, Rochester York
Breed, Levi Newton	Jones, Samuel	Ryant, Isaac Whittermore
Carpenter, Aleck	King, William Duncan	Sawyer, Alexander
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Lausen, Henry Datelef	Sevidge, John Willson
Clark, Oliver Lovel	Leininger, Obediah	Shear, George
Collins, Addison Blair	Macken, Lewis	Stansbury, Oscar
Cowles, Harlan Page	McFadyen, John	Stevens, Warren Charles
Crew, Alexander Hill	McIntosh, George Lewis	Turner, John Alphonso
Cussick, Barney	McIntosh, James Thomas	Turner, John Calvin
Decker, James Madison	McIntosh, Lewis Harrison	Van Woert, William
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Merkley, Asa Jacob	Walraven, Garret Wells
Elliott, John Patrick	Miller, Charles Alton	Weston, Jubal
Garner, John Mortimer	Mitchell, James Ewing	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford	Williams, John Harvey
Hansen, Lauritz	Nelson, Charles Andrew	Wood, Jesse—76.
Houghton, Jos. Richardson	Noonan, Jerry Childs	

RESTORED:

Elliott, John Patrick—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Turner, William Tomes—1.

DIED:

Gifford, Albert Judson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	60	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	16	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	1	Now borne upon the roll.....	76—78.
Restored.....	1—78.		

SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.**Suisun, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Abner Elias Charles, <i>High Priest,</i>	Freeman Hnnnewell, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Daniel McCreary, <i>King,</i>	Alexander Albert Dickie, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Jacob Henry Bauman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Wm. Wynn Redman Reeves, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry Harris, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Columbus Palestine Reeves, <i>Secretary,</i>	Marcus Weinberger, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Leithead, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	William Gustavus Davisson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Stephen Kirby Nurse,	Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Eben Dorman Perkins,
Joseph Fairbanks Wendell,	Allen Charles Miller,	Abner Elias Charles.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Barbour, Nathan Roswell	Downing, William Green	Reed, Albert Levy
Brown, James Benjamin	Emigh, Thomas Powell	Reeves, Duke Davis
Brown, William Burrell	Eversole, Henry	Reynolds, Jas. Wm. Bryson
Buck, William Leonard	Gettler, Charles Peter	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Capell, James Smith	Hatch, Anthony Timothy	Robinson, John
Cerkel, Wolf	Hitchcock, Abraham Farr	Smith, Sampson
Chapman, Aiddeline L	Hoyt, George Adolphus	Stewart, Samuel
Coghlan, Oscar Rapier	Hoyt, Julian Buel	Stevenson, Andrew Vincent
Danielson, Johan	Hoyt, William Kimball	Stephens, William Bell
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Kelly, Kirk Etna	Vance, James Monroe
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Miller, Meredith Rains	Wilson, Thomas Stanly
Dinkelspiel, Morris	O'Berti, Joseph	Woods, John—54.
Doggett, William Jordan	Okell, Edward Joseph	

DIED:

Lockie, John Albert—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....41	Died.....1
Exalted.....14—55.	Now borne upon the roll.....54—55.

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Andrew Henderson Broder, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>King,</i>	Frederick Appleton Warner, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
William Carpenter, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Chatten, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Perus Sprague Tracy, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Morgan James Wells, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Clarence Ward, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Alpha Hayden Glasscock, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Andrew Henderson Broder,	Robert Chidley Broder.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bacigalupi, Theodore	Edwards, Edward Darnall	Martin, William Franklin
Blakely, Francis Algine	Esrey, Justin	McJunkin, Joseph Talbot
Branks, Robert	Fidler, Henry Clinton	Melone, John Henry
Brower, Celsus	Gilroy, Launcelot	Nathan, Herman
Brownstone, David	Guggenheim, Leon	Nelson, Swan Peter
Camp, William Henry	Hackett, Henry	Pogue, Jas. Wm. Centre
Cassin, Owen T	Hall, Albon Eugene	Rockford, Thomas
Clark, Angus Marion	Henry, Albert Reece	Russell, William Alexander
Collins, Albert Oscar	Hocket, John Benjamin	Smith, George Washington
Creed, Wm. Henry Ambrose	Lovelace, Lemuel Moreland	Uhlhorn, John Frederick
Crowley, Green Berry	Mack, Julius Jacob	Wingfield, Charles Rosseau
Dowdle, John Philip,	Maples, Thompson William	—48.

PAST MASTERS :

Miles, Burke Patrick, Charles Berry—2.

RESTORED :

Branks, Robert—1.

DIED :

Eaton, Mathew

Harland, William

Wells, John Thomas—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	39	Died.....	8
Exalted.....	8	Now borne upon the roll.....	48—51.
Affiliated.....	3		
Restored.....	1—51.		

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.

Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Allison Burr Ware, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Alexander Douglas Laughlin, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Christopher Columbus Farmer, <i>King</i> ,	George Ernest Dohn, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Bird Sidney Young, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edward Neblett, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Martin VanBuren Vanderhoof, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Francis Marion Straney, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Darwin Carlos Allen, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Julio Carillo, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Elijah Thompson Farmer,	Augustus Leander Fisher,	John Ripley Wright.
Robert Press Smith, Jr.,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allen, Samuel Irwin	Grindle, Joshua	Montgomery, William
Appleton, Wellington	Hall, Clarence Conway.	Murdock, Lewis Anthony
Baxter, Thomas Phipps	Hall, Llewellyn	Nelson, Alfred
Beam, Jeremiah	Halling, Frederick	Oliver, John Salter
Bell, James Shadrach	Hardin, Chas. Henry Edwin	Overton, Albert Perry
Berke, John	Harris, Jacob	Park, Alvah W
Bloom, Jonas	Hasting, James O	Parks, David Harrison
Bond, William Hammet	Holmes, Chas. Hazelwood	Percival, Walter C
Brown, Alexander	Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Prindle, William
Brown, Henry Ralph	Hoover, Abram	Ross, Henry J
Bruegge, Herman Fred. C	Hughes, John	Seegelken, Ernst August
Buckland, Leon'rd Harrison	Hutchinson, Samuel	Speller, George
Burris, David	Ink, Walter Payne	Spencer, Byron M
Byrrus, John Carroll	Johnson, William Thomas	Stoddard, Joel
Caldwell, Charles Young	Korbel, Antone Francis	St. Clair, Frank Chappel
Coffman, Nelson B	Kugler, Leopold C.	Stites, Alexander Hill
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Label, Herman	Stone, Nathan Jonas
Davis, William Wallace	Legg, Amos	Taylor, John Shackelford
Davison, Daniel D	Lindberg, John Peter	Thompson, Robt. Augu's Jr.
Duncan, James P	Loomis, Frank Clemens	Tripp, Hiram Lewis
Elliott, William Ross	Looney, William Denton	Walker, John
Estinghausen, Wm. Adams	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	White, John McCullough
Fulkerson, Richard	Mathews, John Wesley	Wilton, Thomas G
Fulkerson, Theodorus S.	McConnell, William Elliot	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Gannon, James	McConochie, Robert	Wright, James Madison
Glenn, James Henry	McCornack, Wm. Andrew	Wright, James California
Glynn, Francis Jerome B.	McCallum, Alexander	Young, Michael—99.
Griggs, Joseph Henry	McMinn, John	

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

RESTORED :

Beam, Jeremiah Johnson, William Thomas Russell, Henry Davis—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Gleason, Cyrus Sidney Lord, Thomas Young, Frank William—5.
 Griggs, William Benjamin Russell, Henry Davis

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Acton, William Maddux, Lorenzo Dow Stoddard, William
 Fickas, Adam Sparks, George Washington Strom, William—6.

DIED:

Ruch, Michael—1.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report.....	102	Withdrawn.....	5
Exalted	3	Suspended for non-payment dues.	6
Affiliated	3	Died	1
Restored.....	3—111.	Now borne upon the roll.....	99—111.

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.

Woodland, Yolo County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Donald Frazer, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Kerson Smith, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Temple Perrin Magee, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Drake Burleson, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Charles Wesley Hadley, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Henry Winne, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Dixon Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis Marion Brown, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Lowrey Simpson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Sharpnack, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Jacobs, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Thomas Cross Pockman,	Nicholas Wyckoff,	Humphrey Hicks.
Charles Henry Davis,	George Germain Cole,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Archanbeau, James T	Diggs, David Pitt	Grimes, George Clayton
Borach, Jerome	Dresbach, William	Guthrie, Thomas Walker
Bork, Charles Henry	Dutton, James Madison	Harlan, Benjamin Franklin
Bower, John Gustar	Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Harling, Micajah Oglesby
Bray, Edward Gaines	Everett, Phillip George	Hill, Henry Abraham
Brown, Elijah William	Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester	Hilliker, Lorin Warren
Bullock, James Porter	Freeman, John Watts	Holcom, Willie Denison
Burns, Daniel Monroe	Frost, Charles Stinson	Houx, David Franklin
Charmak, Louis	Furat, Leopold	Howard, Stephen A
Cohen, William	Gable, Harvey Clinton	Hurlburt, Daniel Bradley
Craig, Thornton	Gardner, Matthew	Johnson, James
Cramer, Lewis	Geary, George Jones	Johnson, Henry Foster
Day, Charles Granville	Goodin, Thomas Chelton	Kean, Andrew Carlisle
Dewey, Ulvases Socrates	Glendinning, Edward	Kennedy, John

Larew, William Henry	Parramore, Edw'd Littleton	Taylor, James Thomas
Lowry, John William	Rahm, Francis Marion	Tebbs, Lilburne Ely
Marden, William Harrison	Rodolph, Godfrey	Viers, James
Megowan, Robert Wickliff	Ross, Samuel Haws	Weir, William Henry
Miller, Frederick	Ross, Thomas	Westover, Giles Curtis
Miller, Hezekiah Monroe	Schindler, David	Woodard, Geo. Washington
Miller, Howard Phillips	Snowball, John Wells	—79.

MARK MASTER:

Goin, John Wesley—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Frunk, Frederick
Steiner, Adam J

Vaughan, Cornelius L Neuval Williams, George Wesley

—4.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harper, Sterling Gorman—1.

DIED:

Maltby, John Edward—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	..58	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	22	Suspended for non-payment dues...	1
Affiliated.....	5—85.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	79—85.

LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.**Susanville, Lassen County.***Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Branham, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Thomas Masten, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Wesley Hendrick, <i>King,</i>	John Henry Segraves, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Frederick Hines, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Brockman, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Anthony Otto, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Lee L Harbert, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Enoch Stanwood Talbot, <i>Secretary.</i>	William David Minckler, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Albert Augustus Smith, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Allen Wood, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Allen Wood,	Eber Gaston Bangham,	Philip Jacob Goumaz.
John Ranshaw Lockwood,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Charles Marsh	Knoch, Davis	Sawyer, John James
Bereman, Henry	Latham, Melancthon S	Seltier, Claude Francois
Blaske, Albert	Leavitt, Benjamin Hanson	Sharp, James Porter
Bobo, Benjamin Franklin	Marker, John Hanson	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Cahlan, John	Maxwell, Jeffer'n Houston	Sloos, Ferdinand Americus
Crane, William Henry	McDow, Lafayette Decatur	Snyder, Henry
Dill, Andrew	McKissick, Jacob	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Fitch, John Edward	Miller, Andrew	Stevens, Ward Spooner
Gary, William West	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Stiles, Lyman Collins
Grant, Alexander	Mulholland, Charles	Strashly, Orlando
Hall, Wright Patrick	Pierce, George Strunk	Tanner, Dennis
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Pullen, Granville	Williams, Eugene Albert
Kelley, John Davis	Reid, John Marshall	Winchell, Hiram—56.

RESTORED :

Segraves, John Henry—1.

WITHDRAWN :

Ward, Trowbridge Hyer—1.

DIED :

Brince, Hermann—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	55	Withdrawn	1
Exalted	2	Died	1
Restored	1—58.	Now borne upon the roll	56—58.

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.

Dixon, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Jonathan Merritt Dudley, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Kline, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
John William McFadyen, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Milton Gates, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Henry Ackerson Ross, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Fleming McLean, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Ewalt McCune, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Henry McCune, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Henry Rice, <i>Secretary</i> ,	_____, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John David Munsie, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Rightmire Madden, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests :

John Sweany,	Herman Eppinger,	George Churchill McKinley.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Abbey, John Alexander	Goeffert, Henry	Merryfield, Justus Chandler
Agee, Charles Frederick	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	North, James Charles
Agee, Christoph'r Columbus	Gregory, John Meredith	Righter, Francis Marion
Baker, Roland Thomas	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	Russell, Francis Exaria
Brook, Tilman Howard	Hall, Alexander	Schnitzlein, Fred'k August
Bullard, William Green	Hewer, John Henry	Simms, William
Craig, Frederick	Job, Charles Edward	Summers, Andrew Good
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Johnson, James Otis	Talbot, John Green
Ettlinger, Bernhard	Kelly, Benjamin Franklin	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Ferguson, Wm. Redmond	Killebrew, William	Wells, William Henry
Fraser, Thomas	Klayes, Frederick	Wolfskill, Edward
Garnett, James St. Clair	Larew, Peter	Yount, John Burnett—51.
Garnett, William Henry		

WITHDRAWN :

Burke, John

Robinson, Christopher Maxwell—2.

DIED :

Hill, William Washington—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	45	Withdrawn	2
Exalted	9—54.	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	51—54.

MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.

Modesto, Stanislaus County.

Stated Meetings, Friday next succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Adolphus Hewel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Elihu Burritt Beard, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King</i> ,	Christopher Columbus Wright, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alexander Burkett, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Erastus Eagleson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Braun, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Charles Isaac Carner, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William John Houston,	Elihu Burritt Beard,	Adolphus Hewel.
Septimus Allen Cleveland,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Armstrong, James Lapsley	Manning, Patrick	Visher, John
Cookson, Thomas	Newsom, John Moore	Walthall, Lawson Burfoot
Dorsey, Caleb	Rodgers, John	Wardrobe, Samuel V
Dowda, Geo. Washington	Teeter, John Dallas	Wilson, Thomas Andrew
Horton, Dickin'n Courtney		—26.

PAST MASTERS:

Drullard, Thomas Wilson	Hayter, Abram LaFayette—2.
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DIED:

Lawrence, George—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	26	Died	1
Affiliated	1—27.	Now borne upon the roll	26—27.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.

San Buenaventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Eugene Preston Foster, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Stevenson Collins, <i>Prtn. Sojourner</i> ,
Kenneth Peter Grant, <i>King</i> ;	Joseph M Kaiser, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Edward Taylor Hare, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Allen Day, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Volney Alexander Simpson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Nathan Weston Blanchard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Lafayette Findla Eustin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Alvin Billings Smith, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jonathan Doan Hines, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jonathan Doan Hines,	Lemuel Clark McKeeby.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bard, Cephas Little	Clemmens, Andrew	Knighten, William Amon
Bard, Thomas Robert	Cox, Richard	Slinger, William
Bartlett, Albert Griffith	Edwards, Evan Alfred	Sparks, William Ware
Benchley, Edward Kellogg	Finney, Charles Grandison	Spear, Henry
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Fisher, Joseph	Stanchfield, Levi Gould
Brooks, James Marion	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge Jr.	Sardam, Boyes Gaylord
Cannon, Marion	Gilbert, Thomas	Todd, Theodore
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Grimes, Brice	Wolf, Moses Lazard—38.

PAST MASTER:

Burrill, William Henry—1.

DIED:

Arundel, William Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.	34	Died.....	1
Exalted	4	Now borne upon the roll.....	38—39.
Affiliated.....	1—39.		

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.

Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Leonard Babcock, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Rollin Dunshee, <i>King</i> ,	George Nelson Collins, <i>Royal Arch Cpt.</i> ,
John Delos Peer, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Henry Norway, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Peck Stearns, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Albert Hayman, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eliakim Tupper Gourley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Clifton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Edward Childs, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Peck Stearns,	Benjamin Franklin Thomas,	Charles Fayette McGlashan.
George Edward Childs,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Hatch, David Patterson	Paddock, Edgar Luzern	Phillips, Archibald William
Hill, Jesse	Parsons, Jacob	Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—18.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Laughlin, Henry James—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Stafford, Owen Andrew Walker, Frank—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Marcy, Harvey Bradley

Meroux, Joseph—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report... ..	21	Withdrawn	2
Affiliated	1—22.	Suspended for non-payment dues..	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	18—22.

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Andrew Watson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, <i>Prin. Soj.</i> ,
Silas Montgomery Buck, <i>King</i> ,	Clarence M. Leighton Howard, <i>R.A. Capt.</i> ,
Thomas Blakwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Carson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Jewett McNamara, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Edwin Barnard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Henry, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Barns Cutler, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bryce, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Andrew William Anderson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Andrew Watson.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Becker, Charles	Hall, Richard	Russ, Joseph
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hansell, Julius Henrich Gus	Sevier, Abner Dill
Bull, John Clark Jr.	Hart, Plummer Frederick	Thomson, John Smith
Campbell, Alexander	Henderson, James William	Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Case, Horace Smith	Hetherington, John Jr.	Trost, John Henry
Coates, John Pim	Hetfield, Alfred De Forest	Wallace, Malcolm Joseph
Cutler, Thomas	Ley, Francis Anthony	Wentworth, Harris Burns
Graham, John George	Renfro, David Kenada	Wiley, John Bassett
Grinnell, Alvin Sampson	Roberts, James Thomas	Wilson, Emet Wakeman
Greenwald, Julius		

—40.

WITHDRAWN:

Halloran, James McCoy, George Watson—2.

DIED:

Thomson, John Sedgfield—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....42	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....1—43.	Died.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	40—43.

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.**Ukiah, Mendocino County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wm. Watkins Cunningham, <i>High Priest,</i>	George McCowen, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Isbell, <i>King,</i>	James Robert Mathews, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Wallace Montgomery Hagans, <i>Scribe,</i>	Walter Lee Bransford, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Smith Reed, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jeremiah M Standley, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Langley Barnes, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Taylor Day, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Jeremiah Henry Donohoe, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George William Heald, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	George William Heald,	Edward Warren King.
George McCowen,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, William Henry	Hornbrook, Sanders	Newfield, Marcus
Bellamy, Benson Clarke	Kilbourn, William Vincent	Orr, James Henry
Briggs, Moses Carson	Knust, Charles	Osborne, Daniel Henry
Carothers, Thomas Langley	Makie, Robert Bruce	Smith, Martin Thomas
Cliff, John Ford	Marks, Seymour	Taylor, John
Ellege, John French	Maxwell, Walter	Townsend, Frederick Omer
Foster, Jesse Valentine	McClellan, Robert Henry	Updegraff, Jacob
Heeser, William	McGarvey, Robert	Warren, Benjamin Franklin
Henley, Whitcombe	McPhee, George Sanford	Wheeler, Samuel
Hoak, Elvin Newman	Montagne, Lemuel Davis	Yell, Archibald—44

WITHDRAWN:

Haskell, William Hancomb—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	32	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	11	Now borne upon the roll.....	44—45.
Affiliated.....	2—45.		

BODIE CHAPTER, No. 55.

Bodie, Mono County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Alexander Caldwell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Henry Kelly, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Luther Sleight Hildreth, <i>King</i> ,	William Allen Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Samuel McCurdy, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Gillson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Augustus Atlee, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Symons, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eugene Francis Chamberlin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Alex. Sanderson Kilpatrick, <i>Mas' 1st Vail</i> ,
David Matthias Luke, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Henry Ellis Wilson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Irwin,

John Alexander Caldwell.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Andrew Harper	Hunnewill, Na'n Bonaparte	Penter, Geo. Washington
Beck, Alexander	Hiskey, John B	Percy, Alexander Ogilvie
Blasdel, Sherrill Weaver	Jeffreys, David	Shreve, John Allen
Casey, David	Kister, Oscar Hugo	Sparrow, James
Colcord, Russell Keys	Marshall, Joseph Brown	Stewart, Alexander Bruce
Conklin, Alvah Russell	McCloskey, John	Stewart, John Wesley
Crocker, William Gray	McKinney, Charles Franklin	Summers, Jesse Nolin
Darrah, John	Miller, Ben Huggins	Towle, Joshua West
Dawley, James Morris	Neal, Franklin	Traut, Anton
Forrest, Robert McClelland	Parr, John Forrest	Turner, John Christopher
Gill, William		—44.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Davidson, William

Jones, Martin—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Dunlap, William Wayne	Ray, Randolph	Winterburn, Geo. Howard
Gilbert, Josiah	Richardson, Charles Allen	Van Zandt, John Washinton

—6.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baldwin, Robert Fairchild	Ferris, Henry	Owen, Frank—4.
Ferguson, Samuel Benjamin		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	46	Withdrawn.....	6
Exalted.....	6	Suspended for non-payment dues..	4
Affiliated.....	2—54.	Now borne upon the roll.....	44—54.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.**San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Horace Cowen Rolfe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel William Brooks, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Robert Wiggins, <i>King,</i>	Milton Byron Terrass, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
John Caleb King, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jeremiah Drake Ousterhout, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Lewis Jacobs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Gardner Burt, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Jonathan Wilson, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Hook, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Shannon Bright, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	George Lord, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe,	William Craig.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, John	Gibson, James Alexander	Peacock, James Corbett
Bergmann, Jacob	Haile, Smith Cook	Peacock, Thomas Francis
Bidwell, Julius Albert	Hart, Alexander Hamilton	Robinson, Henry Walter
Clark, Horace	Knox, John Thompson	Rosenthal, Emil Julius
Cunningham, Geo. Dimock	Kurtz, Christian	Russell, Prior Smallwood
Daniels, Rensselaer Wilkin'n	Lawrence, Charles Marshall	Russell, Wilson Byron
Field, Hugh Hamel	Miller, Christo'r Columbus	Talmadge, Francis Le Barron
Fleisher, Wolfe	Mitchell, Jehu Page	—36.

PAST MASTER:

Soule, William Lloyd Garrison—1.

DIED:

Rousseau, James Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....34	Died.....1
Exalted.....3—37.	Now borne upon the roll.....36—37.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.**Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Robert Gilmore Cunningham, <i>High Priest,</i>	Nelson Henry Murray, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Leander Clement Goodwin, <i>King,</i>	Niles Knickerbocker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Thomas John Caystille, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Bonewitz Rohrer, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Lewis Polaski, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Burnes, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Trowbridge Hyer Ward, <i>Secretary,</i>	Tom Jeremiah Weldon, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Julius Herbert Martin, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Robert Rufus Brown.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Anderson, Lewis Charles	Leake, Edward	Shaffer, John
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Lockwood, Jasper	Shorb, Andrew Stephen
Bell, James George	Macmurdo, Wirt Robinson	Smith, Henry Augustus
Bicknell, John Dustin	Marsh, James Harvey	Stanley, John Quincy Adams
Brousseau, Julius	McKanna, Patrick August'e	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Carter, Julius Munson	Miller, Isaac Leffer	Stewart, William
Cochran, William George	Parceles, Horatio Sutton	Strohm, Thomas
Gibson, Frank Asbury	Reiser, Theodore	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Hill, William Henry	Salisbury, John Caleb	Wollweber, Theodore—40.
Lankershim, James Boon		

WITHDRAWN :

Lazzarevich, Giovanni—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	30	Died.....	1
Exalted	7	Now borne upon the roll.....	40—41.
Affiliated.....	4—41.		

PLUMAS CHAPTER, No. 58.

Greenville, Plumas County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Albert George Becktol, <i>High Priest,</i>	Morris Frank Levy, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Hamilton Comfort Whitney, <i>King,</i>	Alexander Picken, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Alexander Archibald McKenzie, <i>Scribe,</i>	Donald William McKenzie, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Robert Leslie McGill, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Robert Tremaine, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Flynn, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Lemuel Barham, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Rotheus Augustus Gray, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Frank Kruger, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

James Summerfield Drysdale.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Blough, William	Martin, John Powell	Standart, George
Gulliver, George William	Rodgers, Benjamin Franklin	Torrey, Adelbert Earl—21.
Monroe, Duncan Cameron	Smith, Erastus Powell	

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Bressler, Charles Pardee, Julian Eugene—2.

DIED:

Frick, David Zeller--1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	16	Died.....	1
Exalted	3	Now borne upon the roll.....	21—22.
Affiliated.....	3—22.		

SALINAS CHAPTER, No. 59.**Salinas, Monterey County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Vanderhurst, <i>High Priest,</i>	John King Alexander, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Pitt Leroy Winham, <i>King,</i>	Oliver Smith Trimmer, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Samuel Franklin Gell, <i>Scribe,</i>	_____, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Alexander Bell Jackson, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Christian Franks, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Robert Lindsay Porter, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Willis Joyce, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Mason Lorenzo Dexter, <i>Capt. of the Hos',</i>	Samuel Milton Archer, <i>Guard.</i>

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, George	Graves, James Elbert	McGarvey, William Victor
Abbott, Harvey Eldon	Hill, William Jay	Palmer, Hiram Jairus
Ball, Henry Seymour	Hoffman, Christian	Parker, Wm. Matticks Rogers
Bennett, John Barron	Hoffman, Henry	Porter, John Brewer
Bidache, Victor	Joy, Charles	Sargent, Bradley Varnum
Chamberlin, Chas. Grandison	Joy, John Greene	Smeltzer, Manassas J. Grove
Fancher, James Knox Polk	Lambert, Thomas Grafton	Smith, Lovias
Farr, Thomas Felix	Logwood, Edward Lafayette	Tuttle, Charles Kirkham
Fenton, Edward	Logwood, William Mayfield	Webster, James Ashley
Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Markley, John	Widemann, Alfred—41.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....10	Now borne upon the roll.....41.
Exalted.....29	
Affiliated.....2—41.	

COLUSA CHAPTER, No. 60.**Colusa, Colusa County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Fred. Furth, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Bailey Cooke, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Wm. Farrington Mason, <i>King,</i>	Richard Jones, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Day Dean, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Lawry Jackson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Jacob Furth, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Cheeney, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
_____, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Keser, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Winfield Hoag, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Henry Lining, <i>Guard.</i>

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adair, Charles Henry	Fouch, John Franklin	Robinson, Luke
Ayer, Leonard Barnard	Guernsey, Henry	Stanton, Joseph Byron
Broyles, Lodelius Horton	Harden, George Beaty	St. Maurice, Edward de
Clark, Reuben	Jones, Edward Winslow	Swinford, Edwin
Cossner, Robert	Jones, J. Thad	Thayer, Albert Austin
Crowder, Henry Crawford	Kopf, Claus	Vaughn, Cornelius L. N.
De Jarnatt, John Burreas	Longmire, Samuel C.	Williams, George Wesley
Doxier, Linwood	McCoy, Charles John	Wilson, Cyrus Pogue—37.
Elliot, Henry Baker	Munson, Harry Fulton	

PAST MASTER:

Cain, John Thomas—1.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....17 Now borne upon the roll.....37.
 Exalted.....18
 Affiliated 2—37.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, No. 61.

San Diego, San Diego County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Augustus Begole, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Norman Henry Conklin, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Waldo Thompson, <i>King</i> ,	William Shepherd Jewell, <i>Royal A. Capt.</i> ,
William Wallace Stewart, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Peter Charles Remondino, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Simon Levi, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Merwin Fenn, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Mifflin Dannals, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John S Harbison, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Archibald Stephens, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Valentine Mumford, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

William Augustus Begole.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bowers, William Wallace	Bushyhead, Edw. Wilkerson	Hyland, John Charles
Bradt, Garrett Garreon	Chase, Herbert Adrian	Luce, Moses Augustin
Bullis, William Shufelt	Faivre, Joseph	Rockfellow, Eugene Francis
Burgess, Edward Ezekiel	Hinton, John Brundridge	—23.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....11 Now borne upon the roll..... 23
 Exalted12—23.

SAN LUIS CHAPTER, No. 62.

San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Levi Rackliffe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Kaufman Green, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frederick Adams, <i>King</i> ,	George Watson McCoy, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Herman Bloom, <i>Scribe</i> ,	—, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Rodgers, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	—, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Vollmer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lew Moore Warden, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Russell Parkhurst, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Benedetto Perfumo, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

Russell, Parkhurst.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Anthony, George	Hardie, Agnus McPherson	Poland, Hanson
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Hasbrouk, Abram Brunyan	Ready, Phillip Francis
Blackburn, James Hanson	Hays, William Williams	Reid, Thompson
Booth, Alfred Roger	Jeffreys, Walter Morgan	Russell, Charles Jay
Cass, James	King, Nathan	Schwartz, Isidor
Currier, John Charles	Lewis, Jessie	Spencer, William Harrison
Davis, Samuel Augustus	Loobliner, Henry	Staniford, George Breck
Filliponi, Dannes	Michaels, Geo. Washington	Tognazzini, Antonio
Goldtree, Morris	Noah, Meyer	Williamson, Andrew—38.
Hanson, Simon Hempell		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Hollister, John Hubbard—1.

RECAPITULATION :

Petitioners for dispensation.....14	Now borne upon the roll .....38.
Exalted.....21	
Affiliated.....3—38.	

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2413.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHAPTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Susp. for non- pay of dues.	Expelled.	Died.	M. Masters.	P. E. Masters.	R. A. Masters.	Dues to Gr.	
	TOWN.	COUNTY.																
1	San Francisco...	San Francisco...	July 28, 1854.	34	34	36	35	4						2	289	\$425 00		
2	Sonora...	Tuolumne...	" "	6	6	6	6	2					4	1	47	71 00		
3	Sacramento...	Sacramento...	" "	23	24	24	24	2	1				5	9	1	224	319 00	
4	El Dorado...	El Dorado...	April 30, 1855.	75	73	75	76	9	6	7	3	1	7	9		324	635 00	
5	San Francisco...	San Francisco...	" "	2	2	2	2	2	1				2		54	62 00		
6	Nevada...	Nevada...	" "	3	3	3	3	2							26	38 00		
7	Benicia...	Solano...	" "	6	6	6	6								51	75 00		
8	Columbia...	Tuolumne...	" "	2	2	2	2											
9	Siasta...	Siasta...	" "	6	6	6	6											
10	Forest City...	Sierra...	" "	2	2	2	2											
11	Merced...	Amador...	May 3, 1856.	6	6	4	4	1		1	1		2		34	62 00		
12	Merced...	Merced...	" "	9	10	9	1	4	10						31	51 00		
13	Marysville...	Yuba...	" "	13	16	16	16	6	4	2					106	143 00		
14	San Jose...	San Jose...	" "	10	10	10	10								90	151 00		
15	Yreka...	Siakiyou...	" "	3	3	3	3								27	27 00		
16	Placerville...	El Dorado...	May 8, 1857.					1				2			32	32 00		
17	Low Hill...	Placer...	" "										1		38	93 00		
18	Grass Valley...	Nevada...	May 7, 1858.										1		76	76 00		
19	Trinity...	Trinity...	" "	3	4	5	5								31	48 00		
20	Oroville...	Butte...	" "	8	7	6	5	2	1	3					59	85 00		
21	Downieville...	Sierra...	" "	7	7	7	7		2	1					45	73 00		
22	Petaluma...	Sonoma...	" "	10	10	10	10								69	109 00		
23	Forest Hill...	Placer...	May 6, 1859.	3	3	3	3	1					1		50	42 00		
24	Camptonville...	Yuba...	" "	1	1										23	23 00		
25	Georgetown...	El Dorado...	May 4, 1860.	7	6	6	6	2	1	1				1	1	28	50 00	
26	Oakland...	Alameda...	" 6, "	3	3	3	3		1	1				1	1	59	84 00	
27	Auburn...	Placer...	May 10, 1861.	17	18	17	16	1	1	2					88	163 00		
28	Stockton...	San Joaquin...	" "	17	18	17	16	1	1	1								

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29	North San Juan, Nevada	May 10, 1861.	6	6	5	3	1	3	1	2	2	61	81 00
30	Napa City, Napa	May 9, 1862.	4	7	7	6	2	1	1	1	1	47	71 00
31	Martinez, Contra Costa	"	15	15	15	14	2	2				56	115 00
32	Quincy, Quincy	May 8, 1863.											
33	Los Angeles, Plumas	Oct. 7, 1864.	1	1	1	2	1	4		1		51	58 00
34	Quincy, Los Angeles	"	5	7	7	16	2	7	1			45	80 00
35	Vallejo, Plumas	Oct. 20, 1868.	6	6	6	6	1	2		2		30	114 00
36	Oakland, Solano	"	12	13	13	13	4	4	2	4	1	130	181 00
37	Colfax, Alameda	April 6, 1870.	2	2	2	5	3	5	2			44	55 00
38	Santa Cruz, Placer	"	2	2	2	5	3	3	1			28	28 00
39	Truckee, Santa Cruz	April 11, 1871.	2	2	2	2	2	4				45	53 00
40	Red Bluff, Nevada	"	2	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	51	58 00
41	Watsonville, Tehama	"	2	2	2	5	3	1	11			45	63 00
42	Chico, Santa Cruz	"	15	15	15	16	1	1		1	2	76	138 00
43	Suisun, Solano	April 11, 1872	14	14	14	14						54	110 00
44	Vicalia, Tulare	April 9, 1873.	9	9	8	8	3	1		3	1	48	92 00
45	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	"	3	3	3	3	3	5	6			99	111 00
46	Woodland, Yolo	"	22	22	22	22	5	4	1	1	1	79	167 00
47	Susanville, Lassen	April 14, 1875.	2	2	2	2	1	1				56	64 00
48	Dixon, Solano	"	4	7	5	9		2		1		51	80 00
49	Modesto, Stanislaus	April 12, 1876.	2	1			1			1	2	26	28 00
50	San Buenaventura, Ventura	"	3	4	4	4	1			1		38	53 00
51	Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara	"	1	1	1	1		2	2			15	19 00
52	Eureka, Humboldt	April 11, 1877.	1	1	1	1				1	1	40	44 00
53	Ukiah, Mendocino	April 9, 1879.	10	10	11	11	2	1				44	86 00
54	Lakeport, Lake	April 14, 1880.											
55	Bodie, Mono	"	8	8	6	6	2	6	4			44	74 00
56	San Bernardino, San Bernardino	April 13, 1881.	3	3	3	3				1	1	36	48 00
57	Los Angeles, Los Angeles	"	4	4	5	7	4	1				40	60 00
58	Greenville, Plumas	April 12, 1882.	4	4	4	3	3			1	2	21	36 00
59	Salinas, Monterey	April 11, 1883.	29	29	29	29	2					41	157 00
60	Colusa, Colusa	"	19	19	13	18	2			1	1	37	111 00
61	San Diego, San Diego	"	12	12	12	12						23	71 00
62	San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo	"	22	22	22	21	3					38	125 00
			489	499	495	496	80	25	112	11	32	164	34
			5151735526521 00										

* Charter surrendered. † Charter revoked. ‡ Consolidated with Sonora Chapter, No. 2.

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Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 29, A. I. 2384.

1854.

CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, *Grand High Priest.* A. B. HOY, *Grand King.*
 *JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HUGH G. PLATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1855.

*JOHN D. CREIGH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand King.*
 *ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* LEVERETT BRADLEY, *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand King.*
 *W. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

*WM. W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand King.*
 THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King.*
 WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest.* *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King.*
 *H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEWIS REYNOLDS, *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* JAMES W. BICKNELL, *Grand King.*
 ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*
 ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ... *Grand King.*
 *EZRA H. VAN DECAR, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Scribe.*

1863.

*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
 JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

*ISAAC DAVIS, *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
 JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

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1868.

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GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, .. *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF,*Grand King.*
JAS. LAWR. ENGLISH, . *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH,....*Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand King.*
JACOB H. NEFF,.....*Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF,*Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS,....*Grand King.*
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GRAND CONVENTION

OF THE

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-fourth Annual Convention.

The twenty-fourth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of April, 1883, at eight o'clock P. M.

There were present the following named

OFFICERS :

The R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,	<i>Chaplain ;</i>
" R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,.....	<i>Treasurer ;</i>
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH.....	<i>Recorder ;</i>
" R. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies ;</i>
" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	<i>Conductor ;</i>
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....	<i>Herald ;</i>
" R. E. ALEX. GURDON ABELL,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

Also, Companions DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, THOMAS CALLOW, EDWARD COLEMAN, ADOLPH DOBROWSKY, CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, HENRY HAY KNAPP, WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, RICHARD MUNT, HENRY SAYRE ORME, and JAMES MARTIN RODGERS.

The Grand Convention was opened in *But form*.

The reading of the minutes of proceedings held at the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN, in a few appropriate and touching remarks, announced to the Grand Convention the death of their late M. E. President, Companion WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR. Com-

panion WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES offered the following resolution, which, being duly seconded, was passed unanimously :—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of the late *M. E.* President.

The *R. E.* Vice-President appointed as such committee, Companions WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, HENRY SAYRE ORME and WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER.

After a few moments consultation the committee presented the following report, which was read, and the accompanying resolution adopted :—

To the Grand Convention :—

Your committee, appointed to consider the death of our *M. E.* President, and to prepare a statement expressing the sorrow of this Convention at the loss of an invaluable executive officer and an associate of many years standing, beg leave to submit the following :—

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Father, who is in Heaven, to take from among us WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, our President, and a High Priest deeply loved by all the members of this Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That out of respect to his memory the President's chair be clothed in mourning during the session, and the order of High Priesthood shall not be conferred until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in our Convention Report for the current year.

Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, }
HENRY SAYRE ORME, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, }

The next business in order being the election of officers, the *R. E.* Vice-President appointed Companions HENRY HAY KNAPP and EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS to act as tellers, and the following named companions were elected :—

The <i>M. E.</i> WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....	<i>President ;</i>
" <i>K. E.</i> WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....	<i>Chaplain ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,.....	<i>Treasurer ;</i>
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" <i>R. E.</i> THOMAS CALLOW,.....	<i>Herald ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

There being no further business, the minutes of proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Convention was then closed in *Due Form*.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,
Recorder.

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OF THE

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Kyle, Thomas	Petrie, William Monroe	Walbridge, John Morris
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Lawrence, William Lee	Pockman, Thomas Cross	Walker, George Russell
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May, George	Richardson, Jer. Bonaparte	Wilcox, Wilbur Justus
Mason, John Clifton	Rodgers, James Martin	Williams, Alpheus Fuller
Mason, Carnot Courtland	Rolfe, Ianthis Jerome	Wing, Stephen
McBride, John Storer	Ross, James	Wing, Gideon
McClellan, John George	Roush, William	Winterburn, George Howard
McCormick, William	Rucker, Hiram Newton	Wright, John Ripley
McDaniel, Rowland Jackson	Russell, Henry Warren	Wyckoff, Nicholas
McFarland, Thomas Alonzo	Sage, Timothy	

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Mead, Frank Douglass

Traylor, William Wilson

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THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

Address of the Grand Lecturer :
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NOTICE.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, A. I. 2414, A. D. 1884.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

❖GRAND❖CHAPTER❖

OF

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OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

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Grand Chapter of California.

I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Thirtieth Annual Convocation, commenced at the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, A. D. 1884, A. I. 2414, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this nineteenth day of April, A. D. 1884, A. I. 2414.

Thos H. Caswell,
Grand Secretary.

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OF THE
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AT ITS
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Masonic Temple, City of San Francisco:
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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

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For the year commencing April, A. I. 2414, and ending April, A. I. 2415.

M.: E.: JONATHAN DOAN HINES, GRAND HIGH PRIEST,..... *San Buenaventura* ;
R.: E.: EDWARD COLEMAN, DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *Grass Valley* ;
R.: E.: BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE, GRAND KING,..... *Petaluma* ;
R.: E.: MICHAEL JAS. KEATING, GRAND SCRIBE,..... *San Francisco* ;
R.: E.: HIRAM THROOP GRÄVES, GRAND TREASURER,..... *San Francisco* ;
R.: E.: THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND SECRETARY, *San Francisco* ;
E.: GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, GRAND CHAPLAIN,..... *Placerville* ;
E.: THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND LECTURER,..... *San Francisco* ;
E.: WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, *Downieville* ;
E.: WILLIAM VANDERHURST, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAP'N, *Salinas* ;
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,... GRAND ORGANIST,..... *San Francisco* ;
" IRA COLBURN ROOT,..... GRAND GUARD, *San Francisco* .

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its thirtieth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, A. D. 1884, A. I. 2414, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

GRAND OFFICERS :

The	M. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT,.....	Grand High Priest ;
"	R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES,	Deputy Grand High Priest ;
"	R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN,.....	Grand King ;
"	R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE,.....	Grand Scribe ;
"	R. E. HIRAM THEOPH GRAVES,.....	Grand Treasurer ;
"	R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	Grand Secretary ;
"	E. GEORGE HELEN GILBERT,.....	Grand Chaplain ;
"	E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	Grand Lecturer ;
"	E. MICHAEL JAMES KEATING,.....	Grand Capt. of the Host ;
"	E. WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER,.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain ;
"	Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....	Grand Organist ;
"	IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....	Grand Guard :

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The	M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	Past Grand High Priest ;
"	M. E. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. JACOB HART NEFF,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....	" " " "
"	M. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....	" " " "
"	R. E. STEPHEN WING,.....	Past Grand King ;

And the representatives of fifty chartered Chapters, and delegates of one Chapter under dispensation, together with a number of Past High Priests by service within this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

<i>On Credentials:</i>	}	Comp. Carnot Courtland Mason, " Robert Gilmore Cunningham, " George Alexander McKenzie.
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After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, delegate of Chapter under dispensation, and Past High Priests, by service within the jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz , from—

<i>San Francisco</i> , ..No. 1,....	{	JAMES WATERMAN BALDWIN, High Priest; ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, MICHAEL JAMES KEATING,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>Sonora</i> ,No. 2,....	{	EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P.; STEPHEN WING, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Sacramento</i> ,No. 3,....	{	CORNELIUS KELLOGG, High Priest and P. H. P.; ALEXANDER JOHN GARDINER, Scribe; JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>California</i> ,No. 5,....	{	FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, High Priest and P. H. P.; JOSEPH MCMATH, Scribe; ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, JOHN FRANCIS SNOW, HIRAM THROOP GRAVER, JOSEPH MILLER LITCHFIELD, LEONIDAS E PRATT, THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>Nevada</i> ,No. 6,....	{	EDWARD MYERS PRESTON, pr. for H. P., K., and S.; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Benicia</i> ,No. 7,....	{	GEORGE POOR, High Priest and Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Shasta</i> ,No. 9, ...	{	CLAY WEBSTER TAYLOR, High Priest; DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Sutter</i> ,No. 11,....	{	JOHN MCDUGULL POST, High Priest.	}	

<i>Merced</i> ,.....	No. 12,.....	{ SILAS WRIGHT GRIS, High Priest; HIRAM NEWTON BUCKER, Past High Priest.
<i>Washington</i> ,.....	No. 13,.....	{ SAMUEL JOSIAH SMITH ROGERS, High Priest; JOSEPH SWAIM DALLAM, King; JOHN HENRY GERKIN, Scribe. .
<i>Howard</i> ,.....	No. 14,.....	DANIEL C DUNN, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>St. James</i> ,.....	No. 16,.....	{ GEORGE HELEN GILBERT, High Priest and P. H. P.; ANDREW THOMPSON CULBERTSON, King.
<i>Lipanus</i> ,.....	No. 17,.....	WILLIAM GREEN WOLFE, High Priest.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,.....	No. 18,.....	{ JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, High Priest and P. H. P.; EDWARD COLEMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....	No. 19,.....	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....	No. 20,.....	{ WARREN SEXTON, High Priest; CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, Past High Priest.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....	No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....	No. 22,.....	{ WILLIAM EMERY COX, High Priest; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Oliver</i> ,.....	No. 23,.....	{ JOHN E ALLAN, High Priest and Past High Priest; JAMES RUSSEL GLOVER, Past High Priest.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....	No. 24,.....	RICHARD MUNT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Georgetown</i> ,.....	No. 25,.....	{ ELIJAH HARPER WATSON, King; JOHN ERNEST KUNKLER, Past High Priest.
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....	No. 26,.....	AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, King.
<i>Della</i> ,.....	No. 27,.....	ROBERT FLEMING ROONEY, High Priest.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....	No. 28,.....	{ GEO. ALEX. MCKENZIE, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P. & K; ALEXANDER CHALMERS, Past High Priest.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....	No. 30,.....	{ HENRY HAY KNAPP, High Priest and Past High Priest; CHARLES RAY GREITMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Martinez</i> ,.....	No. 31,.....	WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS, High Priest and Past H. P.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,.....	No. 33,.....	{ SAMUEL PRAGER, High Priest and Past High Priest; HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Alturas</i> ,.....	No. 34,.....	JAMES MILLER, Scribe.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....	No. 35,.....	CHRISTIAN THEODORE BENTZEN HALLIN, High Priest.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....	No. 36,.....	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, Past High Priest.
<i>Silvaco</i> ,.....	No. 37,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....	No. 38,.....	PETER RICHMOND HINDS, High Priest and Past H. P.
<i>Donner</i> ,.....	No. 39,.....	ELLE ELLEN, Past High Priest.
<i>Red Bluff</i> ,.....	No. 40,.....	JOHN CLEMENTS, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....	No. 41,.....	THOMAS FLINT, JR., High Priest.
<i>Ohio</i> ,.....	No. 42,.....	CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Solano</i> ,.....	No. 43,.....	{ ABNER ELIAS CHARLES, High Priest and P. H. Pr't; . DANIEL MCCREARY, King; JOSEPH FAIRBANKS WENDELL, Past High Priest.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....	No. 44,.....	{ RICHARD HUBBARD STEVENS, High Priest; ALBON EUGENE HALL, King.
<i>Woodland</i> ,.....	No. 46,.....	FRANCIS ELLSWORTH BAKER, King.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....	No. 47,.....	JAMES BRANHAM, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K., & S.

<i>Dixon</i> ,.....No. 48,.....	{ JONATHAN MERBITT DUDLEY, High Priest & P. H. P. ; JOHN WILLIAM McFADYEN, King.
<i>Modeslo</i> ,.....No. 49,.....	ADOLPHUS HEWEL, High Priest and Past H. Priest.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....No. 50,.....	{ JAMES ALLEN DAY, High Priest ; JONATHAN DOAN HINES, Past High Priest.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....No. 51,.....	GEO. EDWARD CHILDS, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K., & S.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....No. 53,.....	WILLIAM ISBELL, King.
<i>Bodie</i> ,.....No. 55,.....	JOHN ALEXANDER CALDWELL, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....No. 56,.....	WILLIAM ROBERT WIGGINS, High Priest.
<i>Signal</i> ,.....No. 57,.....	ROBT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, P. H. P. & pr. H. P., K. & S.
<i>Phumas</i> ,.....No. 58,.....	JAMES SUMNER DRYSDALE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Salinas</i> ,.....No. 59,.....	WILLIAM VANDERHURST, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Cohusa</i> ,.....No. 60,.....	JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE, High Priest and Past H. P.
<i>San Diego</i> ,.....No. 61,.....	WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>San Luis</i> ,.....No. 62,.....	RUSSELL PARKHURST, Past High Priest and pr. H. P.
<i>St. Helena</i> ,.....U. D.,.....	WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE STOREY, High Priest.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, as follows :—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA :—

The morning of the year has dawned again and with it comes our glad and joyous re-assemblage. The fields put on their emerald glow ; the flowers spring and bud and blush and blossom ; the coming harvest springs in embryo with very wantonness of joy ; the heart of the husbandman is full of sweet delight, and Nature sings in glad acclaim her hail and welcome to the early spring. Fire, famine and pestilence, the wild and desolating storms which have desolated other lands and homes, and seemed the heralds of the wrath of God, have touched us gently, spared us, and passed over us. The early and the later rains have fallen upon us copiously, but as gentle and refreshing as the summer dews. The eternal love and benedictions of the Infinite are with us, and we are doubly blessed.

It is a goodly thing to give thanks and praise for blessings and benedictions. If we have not earned them—if we do not deserve them—so much the more should we be devoutly thankful for them. Let us pause, then, for a moment, and each by his own faith, and in his own way, send up his recognition and his thanks to that Supreme Intelligence which pervades and governs the universe, be he known as God, JEHOVAH, JOVE, or LORD.

But while we recognize the Almighty hand that rules and shapes our destinies, let us not forget that by that same Intelligence we have been endowed with faculties which must not sleep, and charged with duties which must not be ignored. While we strive to place ourselves in accord with the laws and influences which may best prepare and mature us for the unknown hereafter, let us be no less diligent in the discharge of the trust and duties incumbent on us here. Let us not forget that to do well and faithfully whatever we are charged with doing, is as obligatory upon us as it is to prepare ourselves for that which awaits over the border, in the realm of doubt and mist and mystery. Indeed, it is only by diligence in the one field that we can prepare ourselves properly to enter upon the other. Precept without practice is a drooping sail, with no filling breeze to move the sluggish hulk.

If we herald to the world that Freemasonry is a sublime system of morals and ethics, calculated to ennoble, and exalt, and purify, and adorn the human character, we must establish these pretensions by exhibiting in our own lives such fruits of our Masonic training, culture and experience.

It can scarcely be denied that the world—that humanity—is growing colder and more selfishly practical. The nobler impulses, the holier aspirations, and the loftier purposes of life are smothered or lost sight of in the wild and reckless wrestle for fortune, fame, or position. Let us, measurably at least, set our breasts against this demoralizing storm, and make Freemasonry once more practically what it has always been in theory, the grandest of all human institutions.

Exalted sentiment, though wrapped in polished and well rounded periods, will not clothe the naked, feed the famished, nor heal the sick and suffering. The tears of the desolate will flow in spite of gorgeous moral formulas, and neither prayer nor exhortation will turn back the piercing blast from homeless and defenceless childhood. Let us mingle something more of homely relief with our holy pretensions and saintly invocations!

But while I essay to preach and moralize, you are impatient to learn what your servant has done since your last Annual Convocation. The truth is, my good companions, that I have done nothing; and I flatter myself that I have done it remarkably well. Indeed, I had forgotten that I was Grand High Priest until Friday last, when the Grand Secretary reminded me of the fact, and admonished me that I would be expected here this morning to give an account of my labors. Labors indeed! The mountains labored and brought forth a mouse. But there is this comfort: If one has nothing to do, it is ordinarily very difficult for him to make a mistake in doing it. But this being Grand High Priest is too much like being a knob on a log. You are not even required to *look* wise. There is no luxury in governing when you have no opportunity to exercise your authority. I *don't* like it. When I was Grand Master I could manage to get a charter or two every year, suspend a few Masters, and order some reprobates on trial; and I *did* like that. It was a great pleasure to take some wanton brother by the throat and shake him over the bottomless depths of Masonic infamy. But you Royal Arch Masons are altogether too well behaved to be interesting. You are too good, entirely too good for this earthly tabernacle. You ought to be in heaven—all of you. You have not treated your Grand High Priest with proper consideration and respect. You should have done some wickedness, in order that he might have the pleasure of chastising you. Your conduct has been ridiculously proper, and I am nauseated of it. Not a single muss in the whole jurisdiction in twelve months, and I Grand High Priest and aching for it! It is absurd! I want no more of it.

But, jesting and frivolity aside, the burdens of office have in truth rested gently, very gently, upon the shoulders of your chief executive. A few questions of Masonic law, generally answered by your Grand Secretary by a mere reference to some provision of our Constitution which the inquirer had doubtless either overlooked or was unwilling to construe or interpret for himself, and which are not deemed of sufficient importance to report in detail; the approval of a few amendments to the By-Laws; a few special dispensations, of no importance to the Craft at large, but only to those making the applications therefor; one dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter, and a few appointments of representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters—this constitutes the bulk of my work during the term of my office. A full and particular statement of all of these transactions will be found in the report of your Grand Secretary, and it would be idle for me in this paper to duplicate his work.

Two or three matters have arisen, however, which I deem of sufficient note to deserve some comment.

A novel condition of things, something without precedent and without analogy,

so far as I can learn, occurred in *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58. Early during their term of office the entire Council, High Priest, King and Scribe removed permanently from the State. The Chapter could not ask for a dispensation to hold an election for officers in the manner prescribed by your Constitution, for there was no one who had authority to convene or open the Chapter for such a purpose. The body was at a deadlock. It was perfectly powerless. It could take no action whatever. To wait for the period of the coming annual election would not help matters. Still there would be no one (except the Grand High Priest) authorized to convene or open the Chapter; and it was impossible for the Grand High Priest to visit the locality. But there is a legend of the common law to the effect that there can be no wrong without a remedy; and under which somewhat vague and indefinite maxim the practice grew up in the Chancery Courts of England, and was brought by the early colonists to America, of inventing new writs or remedies for such novel cases as they arose. In like manner I thought there must be some remedy for this evil. There was but one of two things that could be done. I must either issue a dispensation for an election without an application therefor made in strict compliance with your Constitution, or the Chapter must remain in a state of perpetual suspension—in other words, practically extinct. After some reflection, I concluded that the power, under the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, to dispense with a strict compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, and to issue the dispensation upon a somewhat defective and informal application, rests in this Grand Body by virtue of its reserved and inherent rights and powers as the supreme legislative, executive, and judicial sovereign of Royal Arch Masonry in this State; and, further, that during the recess of the Grand Body, that power can be properly exercised by the Grand High Priest. I am aware that this was venturing on dangerous ground, and I tried to avoid it. For when we once depart from the strict letter of the organic law, we afford a sort of pretext for a careless or reckless Grand High Priest (should such a one ever come into office) to involve us in almost inextricable confusion. But I considered the case an extreme one, and one which would afford no precedent except for precisely the same action upon exactly the same state of facts, should they again arise. Upon these reflections altogether it seemed that no practical harm could be possibly done by restoring the Chapter to life and action. I accordingly, after consultations with older, wiser, and more experienced companions than myself, but, I confess, with some hesitancy and fear and trembling, at the prayer of a goodly number of the companions of the disabled Chapter, issued a dispensation authorizing a Past High Priest to convene the body and hold an election.

There is an adage known especially to the medical fraternity, that desperate cases require desperate remedies. *Plumas* Chapter was sick, very sick. It was in sore need of prompt treatment; and I did not then see, nor have I yet discovered what other remedy I could have prescribed. You may diagnose and treat the case better than I did. But the patient has recovered under my treatment, and there is nothing so successful as success.

I recommend the matter to your careful and considerate attention. It is for you to say whether I acted properly or judiciously, and whatever conclusion you arrive at I shall most cheerfully and cordially accept and bow to it. I do not recommend any legislation, for the simple reason that such emergencies will in the very nature of things occur only at rare and remote intervals.

I am in receipt of various communications (which will be placed in your hands) from the so designated Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, complaining with apparent reason and justice of an invasion of the territorial jurisdiction of that Grand Body by the so styled Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., etc. I am not sufficiently informed as to the details and merits (or perhaps demerits) of the alleged outrage to make any recommendation relating thereto at the present time. It has been the almost invariable policy and practice of the

Masonic Grand Bodies of this State to frown upon whatever savors of rebellion, insubordination, or invasion of jurisdiction; and this policy, in my judgment, should be rigidly adhered to. Indeed, our own peace, security, and independence require it. But it has equally been our policy not to rush recklessly or unadvisedly into controversies between other Grand Bodies. Let us first be sure where the right rests. Let us first learn definitely that the given case is in fact one of rebellion or invasion; and this being fully established, let us throw the whole weight of our moral and Masonic influence to the aid and support of the wronged and legitimate body.

But there is a matter of character cognate to the foregoing within our own jurisdiction, concerning which we are already sufficiently informed to take decided action. It is a matter which in a goodly measure, either directly or remotely, affects every Mason owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California; a matter upon which both our companions and our brethren of the blue Lodge cannot be too fully or too speedily advised. It is a matter more particularly and especially for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge than for the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter. But the case is one of such palpable, broad, and glaring outrage that I think it both proper and commendable that every legitimate Masonic body in the State should fulminate its thunders against the iniquity. I refer to the selling, peddling, and hawking of what are pretended and alleged to be the Scottish Rite degrees, under the pretended authority of that spurious body self-styled the *Cerneau Council*. A bolder or more shameless Masonic fraud was probably never perpetrated or attempted. Our young and unsuspecting Masons are being cajoled and duped by the score, and perhaps by the hundred, by these Masonic sharps, quacks, and charlatans, who for their own profit make merchandise of Freemasonry. That the so-called *Supreme Council of the United States of America*, and its progenitor, the self-constituted *Cerneau Council*, under the authority of which the impostors profess to work, are spurious, clandestine, and without any Masonic warrant, there can no longer be any doubt whatever; and the poor victims who are seduced into the arms of this hideous monster are, unwittingly perhaps, but none the less truly, violating the plain spirit and import, if not the exact letter, of the obligations which they assumed at the very outset of their Masonic career. The men who have introduced and are now promoting this nasty scheme (I use that not very refined or elegant expression with an apology, but it seems to be the only word that will convey my supreme disgust), these men, I say, should be denounced in the roundest and most unmeasured terms, and should, in my judgment, be speedily expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. Masonic death alone is indeed no adequate punishment for such atrocities. There should be some way to set the brand of infamy upon them in such a way that all the world might read it. I hope most fervently that this Grand Body will not close its labors without a clear, ringing, and unmistakable expression of its utter condemnation of the contemptible outrage.

On the twenty-fourth day of August last, contrary to my own taste and judgment, but yielding to the advice and solicitation of those who had preceded me in this chair, and to whose wisdom and opinions I felt bound to defer, I convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of acting in conjunction with the Grand Commandery as an escort to the Grand Lodge at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the GARFIELD Monument in Golden Gate Park in this city. Having said that this special convocation was adverse to my own thought, I ought perhaps to assign some reasons why it was so. They are few, simple, and will be readily comprehended by all of you, although they may not be shared or concurred in by any of you. First, we are coming rapidly to make too much display and parade of our Masonic standing and handsome apparel. We are gradually drifting away from that simplicity and those practical features of Freemasonry which in our early experience so charmed and delighted us. We compromise our faith and our teachings and we

belittle our profession by too much Masonic display and too little Masonic labor. Not but that it was a very proper piece of Masonic work for the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone of that monument; but I am weary of seeing that body, which is our supreme head and front, and to which we all owe our highest loyalty and allegiance, dwarfed and overshadowed on such occasions by the ostentation, gilt, and tinsel of what *profanes*, because they know no better, are pleased to call the *higher* degrees. Our sovereign—the Grand Lodge—is sunk and lost sight of. The impression left upon the mind of the thoughtful and considerate profane, the very class to whom we should commend ourselves, is anything but favorable. They come to look upon us as more given to fuss and feathers, to vanity, ostentation and display, than to the practical work which we profess. Moreover, on such occasions, in theory at least, we are there to do the practical work of operative Masons. We are there ostensibly to handle bricks and stones and mortar, and to wield the implements of the craft in the actual work of building.

Now, what sort of figure would a Knight Templar cut, burdened with his costly and cumbersome clothing and accoutrements, carrying the hod or wielding the dressing hammer? What sort of a figure would the Grand High Priest cut, in his robes and paraphernalia and breast-plate and mitre, spreading mortar and adjusting bricks and stones in the projected edifice? It is ridiculous—it is farcical! If I were to have my own way about it (which I am quite confident I never shall have), on such occasions every person in the procession should go clad in the simple badge of a Master Mason—the plain lamb-skin apron—as if he were ready *practically* for the work which in *theory* he is there to perform. The theory and practice should, to that extent at least, be made to harmonize.

It is true, as some of you may perhaps respond, that during my own Grand Mastership of four years, such occasions were numerous and important, and there was then the same ostentation and display as on the late occasion. But then, as at the late demonstration, it was permitted as a kind of compliance to a long established custom and practice, and in deference to the opinions and advice of my seniors in Masonic lore, and not because my own judgment approved it. My own views were then just what they are now. I solemnly avow that if I were Grand Master again, I would clear the garden of all these weeds and brambles. As it is, I can only fire this futile shot. Nobody will be hurt by it, and the Masonic fraternity will be just as comfortable as if I had kept my lips sealed. The grasses will still spring to adorn the rugged face of Mother Earth; the flowers will still exhale their fragrance. Suns will still rise and set, moons will wax and wane, and tides will ebb and flow, and the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery will still avail themselves of every possible opportunity for a public exhibition of their elegant dress and Masonic standing. Selah!

Now, my good companions, I feel a great deal better. I have unburdened my soul. I am at rest. As already suggested, you have all been so exquisitely good during the last twelve months, that this was my only chance to growl or grumble. I don't quite like this excessive quiet. I like the attrition of wrestle and war. I should have died from a surfeit of bile and venom, if I had not had this little opportunity for relief.

Beyond installing the officers of two of our Chapters, I have made no official visits during my term of office. I regret that this should have occurred, for it had been my purpose, as it would have been my pleasure, to visit all the subordinates within reasonable access of my home, and such others more remote as the emergencies of my private business would permit. It is only just to myself and due to you, that I should assign the reasons of my apparent delinquency and want of zeal.

For five months of the year I was held a close prisoner by a critical and painful illness, utterly disabled, or at least forbidden by medical advisers from attending to any business, however simple and trifling it might be. I had scarcely recovered

from this sufficiently to resume my avocation when a serious and distressing accident confined me to my room for another month; and, as you may readily perceive, even now it is with some pain and difficulty that I move to the post of duty. Business misfortunes have also sadly annoyed and distressed me, in spite of all my purpose and resolution. Calamities have indeed come in battalions, and I can only wait and hope for the dawning of a better day; while you, my companions, must kindly accept what little I have done as being the best that I could do under the unhappy circumstances.

For the reasons above set forth I was unable to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. But the Most Excellent Companion, Past Grand High Priest ORME, found it convenient to be on the spot, and cheerfully accepted my proxy and represented this Grand Body in that assemblage. The substitution of Companion ORME in lieu of myself has doubtless been to your advantage rather than to your detriment. He will report to you in due time whatever he may deem of sufficient interest to merit your attention.

For the kindness of your Grand Secretary in relieving me from the bulk of official correspondence; for the uniform courtesy and consideration of all the companions with whom I have chance to come in contact; for your own partiality in placing in the position I occupy one whose previous services to the Royal Craft had so poorly earned or deserved such promotion, I am duly and profoundly grateful.

And here, my companions, with the earnest prayer that the future may be found richly stored with abundant joys for each and all of you, I hasten to pronounce the final words which you may all well be eager to hear—I have finished.

. LEONIDAS E PRATT,

Grand High Priest.

Which address was ordered to be referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address :	{	Comp. William Abraham Davies,
	"	Adolphus Hewel,
	"	William Augustus Begole.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation :—

Thirty days after the close of the Convocation of 1883, the proceedings thereof were printed and the usual number distributed: one copy to each of the Grand Officers and elective Past Grand Officers; one to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters; the usual number to each subordinate Chapter of our jurisdiction, and to the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

The charters to *Salinas* Chapter, No. 59, *Colusa* Chapter, No. 60, *San Diego* Chapter, No. 61, and *San Luis* Chapter, No. 62, granted at the last Grand Convocation, were duly issued, and the officers severally installed by Comp. Past High Priests, specially authorized by the Grand High Priest. The several letters of authorization, together with the reports, are herewith submitted. A duplicate charter was also issued to *Red Bluff* Chapter, No. 48, in pursuance of the order of Grand Chapter made at last session.

By order of the Grand High Priest dispensations have been issued during the year as follows :—

On May 22d, 1883, to *Georgetown* Chapter, to ballot on the petition of a candidate for the degrees in less than the constitutional period of time.

On June 19th, to *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, to elect a King, that office having become vacant by resignation.

On November 27th, to *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58, to hold annual election of officers, the entire Council of the Chapter having removed, and being absent from the State.

On December 24th, to *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, permitting the use of two substitutes in the ceremony of exaltation.

On January 25th, 1884, to *Dixon* Chapter, No. 48, to elect officers, at other than the time named in the Constitution. And for a like purpose, on January 29th, to *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49.

Also, by order of the Grand High Priest, a dispensation to form a new Chapter was issued on December 19th, 1883, to Companions WM. BAINBRIDGE STONEY, WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN, LAURENCE DUCKWORTH, and six other companions, to form and open a Chapter at St. Helena, Napa County, to be called *St. Helena* Chapter. The petition for dispensation, and all the papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, By-Laws, and returned dispensation, together with a petition for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee.

Commissions to representatives of this Grand Chapter have been issued during the year, as follows:—

On the first day of October, 1883, to Comp. M. C. McNEIL, near the Grand Chapter of Iowa, *vice* WM. B. LANGRIDGE, deceased; and

On the fifteenth day of December, to Comp. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; and Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Amendments to the By-Laws of *Merced* Chapter, No. 12, and *San Luis* Chapter, No. 62, the former reducing the amount of annual dues, and the latter changing the time of holding the stated meetings, and approved by the Grand High Priest, are herewith submitted for reference to the proper committee.

A transcript of trial records has been received from *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, wherein Comp. JAMES MORRIS DAWLEY is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry; which transcript is herewith presented for reference to the proper committee.

In the month of July, 1883, the undersigned sold to *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, the robes, aprons, banners, breast-plate, swords and baldrics, scepters, incense pot, Aaron's rod, and working tools of the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, realizing therefrom the sum of four hundred and thirty (\$430) dollars. Of the amount so received, four hundred dollars was paid to the firm of D. NORCROSS & Co., in full satisfaction of their demand of over seven hundred dollars, and the balance, thirty dollars, was paid into the treasury of the Grand Chapter. The ark of the covenant, jewels and collars, marble stones for Mark degree, the B. B. transparency, hymn cards, and a variety of Chapter blanks, are yet unsold and on hand.

In this connection, it is proper to state that the following named companions, members of the late *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, and who were exalted or affiliated in said Chapter subsequent to the contraction of the indebtedness above alluded to, and who by resolution adopted at the time of the revocation of the charter of said Chapter were exempted from all disability under such revocation, and certificates severally directed to issue to them "upon the payment of all dues to the Grand Secretary," have applied for said certificates, that they may be thereby enabled to affiliate with other Chapters of the jurisdiction. That the undersigned may act intelligently and fairly in the matter, he requests this Grand Chapter to specify, through its Committee on Finances, the amount of dues each shall be required to pay to be

entitled to such certificate. The names of the companions are as follows: Comps. JOSEPH DAVIS ADAMS, JOHN CUTHEBT OOMBS, WASHINGTON GWIN, WILLIAM WOODS GREENE, DAVID MARK HANSON, JOHN CHARLES WESLEY INGRAM, HIRAM KENNEDY, JOHN SPENCER MENDENHALL, ALBERT FAIRFIELD MORRILL, MORRIS MAHAN, EDWARD ROETHEL, GUY ROSS, JOHN REINIKI, LEESON GASKILL SIMMONS, ELBRIDGE G. C. THOMPSON. Comp. HENRY COOK DE SOLLAR should also be declared entitled to a certificate, for, although his name was signed to the petition for a dispensation, it is well known that he left Lake County, and perhaps the State, a full year before the dispensation was issued, and has never returned, and had no participation whatever in the contraction of the debt.

The following, collated from the returns of subordinate Chapters, will show that Royal Arch Masonry is still advancing, and, it is hoped healthily, in the jurisdiction:—

Number exalted during the year,	380
“ affiliated,.....	68
“ restored.....	18
“ petitioners for new Chapter,	9
Total increase,.....	475
Number withdrawn,.....	98
“ excluded,.....	18
“ suspended for non-payment of dues,.....	36
“ died,.....	61
Total decrease,.....	203
Net increase,.....	272

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the year:—

Received from chartered Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1884,.....	\$5275 00
“ “ one member of late <i>Quincy</i> Chapter, No. 32,.....	6 00
“ “ <i>St. Helena</i> Chapter, dispensation fee,.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1884,.....	19 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee,.....	50 00
“ “ dispensation for use of two substitutes,.....	5 00
“ “ sale of robes, banners, aprons, etc., of late <i>Lakeport</i> Chapter,.....	430 00
“ “ dispensations to elect officers,.....	15 00
“ “ “ to ballot without reference,.....	5 00
“ “ thirteen diplomas.....	26 00
“ “ sale of proceedings, (12 bound volumes and 2 pamphlets,) ..	25 00
“ “ dividends Masonic Hall Association,.....	487 30

 Making total receipts for the year,.....\$6418 30

Amount paid Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented,.....\$6418 30

Thirty-six warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,

 amounting in the aggregate to\$5547 72

Included in the amount of warrants drawn is the sum of \$1862 50, paid for 149 shares of stock in the Masonic Hall Association, purchased in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation; also the sum of \$400 paid D. Norcross & Co.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation :—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

1883.		DR.	
April 7.	To balance on hand as per last report,....	\$7430	52
July 20 to			
Oct. 2.	" amounts received from Grand Secretary,....	710	50
1883.			CR.
April 11.	By amounts paid delegates, as per pay roll,.....	\$1422	50
" 11.	" " " Grand Officers, as per pay roll,....	103	00
" 20.	Paid Grand Guard, voucher No. 2,.....	25	90
June 12.	" for 149 shares Masonic Hall stock, at \$12 50 per share, vouchers Nos. 7, 23 and 27,.....		
Oct. 22.		1,862	50
Sept. 10.			
June 29.	" for printing proceedings, voucher No. 11,.....	698	00
July 9.	" dues General Grand Chapter, voucher No. 13,....	35	72
" 16.	" for Aprons for Grand Chapter, voucher No. 15,....	126	00
" 19.	" for portrait of Past Grand High Priest PETRIE, voucher No. 16,.....	75	00
" 25.	" NORCROSS & Co. on acct. Lakeport Chapter, voucher No. 17,.....	400	00
Sept. 3.	" salary Grand Organist, voucher No. 21,.....	25	00
" 16.	" for rent of Gr. Secretary's office, voucher No. 24,....	300	00
" 22.	" for advertising in connection with laying corner stone GARFIELD Monument, voucher No. 25,....	64	85
April 17 to			
Dec. 31.	" for expenses Grand Secretary's office, as per vouchers Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 18, 22, 29, 30,....	120	25
May 1 to			
Dec. 31.	" for salary Grand Secretary, April, Nov., inclusive, vouchers Nos. 4, 6, 12, 19, 20, 26, 28, 31,.....	1200	00
	Balance on hand, Dec. 31st, 1883,	1682	30
		<u>\$8141</u>	<u>02</u>
			<u>\$8141</u>
			<u>02</u>
1884.		DR.	
Jan. 1.	To balance on hand,.....	\$1682	30
Jan. 19 to			
April 7.	" cash received from Grand Secretary, both dates inclusive,.....	5707	80
1884.			CR.
Jan. 2 to			
April 1.	By amounts paid Grand Secretary's salary Dec. to March, inc., vouchers Nos. 32, 34, 35, 36,.....	600	00
Feb. 1.	" amt. expenses Grand Sec. office, voucher No. 33,....	14	50
	Balance on hand April 7,.....	6775	80
		<u>\$7390</u>	<u>10</u>
			<u>\$7390</u>
			<u>10</u>

Assets of the Grand Chapter—

Cash on hand, as above,.....	\$6775 60
900 shares Masonic Hall stock, at par,.....	9000 00
149 " " " " at \$12 50,.....	1862 50
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	\$17,638 10

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report, on the "books, papers and accounts" of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Finances, having carefully examined the books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary's office, together with the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that we find them thoroughly correct, and we herewith submit a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter for the year ending April 7th, 1884:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance of Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer per report of April 9, 1883....	\$7430 52
Dues received from chartered Chapters.....	5300 00
Dispensation fee from <i>St. Helena</i> Chapter.....	75 00
Charter fee from same.....	50 00
Dispensations to elect officers in <i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1, <i>Modesto</i> , No. 49, and <i>Dixon</i> , No. 48.....	15 00
Dispensation to ballot without reference, <i>Georgetown</i> , No. 25.....	5 00
Special dispensation to <i>Bodie</i> Chapter, No. 55.....	5 00
Fees for 13 diplomas.....	26 00
Sale of 12 vols. of proceedings and 2 pamphlets.....	25 00
" effects of <i>Lakeport</i> Chapter.....	430 00
Dividends on Masonic Hall Association stock.....	487 30
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Total receipts.....	\$13,848 30

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of delegates, Convocation of 1883,.....	\$1422 50
" " Grand Officers, 1883,.....	103 00
Salary of Grand Secretary and as Chairman of Com. on Correspondence,..	1800 00
" " " Organist,.....	25 00
" " " Guard,.....	25 00
Printing and binding proceedings of 1883,.....	698 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office,.....	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter,.....	35 72
Contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office, stationery, stamps, fuel, etc.,	200 50
Portrait Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM M. PETRIE,.....	75 00
NORRIS & Co., on account <i>Lakeport</i> Chapter,.....	400 00
Eighty-four aprons for Grand Chapter,.....	126 00
Purchase 149 shares Masonic Hall Association stock.....	1862 50
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Total expenditures,.....	\$7073 22

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY,
H. N. RUCKER, } *Committee.*
C. R. GRITMAN, }

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH presented the following as a General Regulation of this Grand Chapter, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz :—

This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine except those conferred by or under the authority of the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit: the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is Grand Commander; and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the northern jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

It is hereby declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter take or receive any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood from any man or body of men not hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is hereby further declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating, or selling, or solicit anyone to take, receive, or apply for, any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters have been received and reviewed :—

ALABAMA,	for Dec. 5, 1882	KENTUCKY,	for Oct. 16, 1883
ARKANSAS,	" Nov. 29, 1883	LOUISIANA,	" Feb. 13, 1883
CANADA,	" July 13, 1883	MAINE,	" May 1, 1883
COLORADO,	" Sept. 20, 1883	MARYLAND,	" Nov. 13, 1883
CONNECTICUT,	" May 8, 1883	MASSACHUSETTS,	June 12 to Dec. 11, 1883
DELAWARE,	" Jan. 17, 1883	MICHIGAN,	for Jan. 16, 1883
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,	" June 13, 1883	MINNESOTA,	" Oct. 10, 1882
FLORIDA,	" Jan. 15, 1883	MISSISSIPPI,	" Feb. 12, 1883
GEORGIA,	" April 25, 1883	MISSOURI,	" May 3, 1883
ILLINOIS,	" Oct. 25, 1883	NEVADA,	" June 11, 1883
INDIANA,	" Oct. 17, 1883	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	" May 15, 1883
IOWA,	" Oct. 16, 1883	NEW JERSEY,	" Sept. 12, 1883
KANSAS,	" Feb. 20, 1883	NEW YORK,	" Feb. 6, 1883

NORTH CAROLINA, . . . for May 15, 1883	RHODE ISLAND, for Mar. 13, 1883
NOVA SCOTIA, " June 6, 1882	TENNESSEE, " Feb. 1, 1883
OHIO, " Oct. 10, 1883	TEXAS, " Dec. 11, 1883
OREGON, " June 8, 1883	VERMONT, " June 15, 1883
PENNSYLVANIA, " Dec. 27, 1882	VIRGINIA, " July 31, 1883
QUEBEC, " Jan. 30, 1883	WISCONSIN, " Feb. 20, 1883

Making thirty-eight in all, and leaving England and Wales, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia unaccounted for.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery on the fifth day of December, 1882,—the *M. E.* LUCKY WALKER JENKINS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* DANIEL SAYRE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief and principally confined to a recital of his official acts. He reports that peace and harmony prevail among the craft throughout the jurisdiction, and returns devout thanks to God who stayed the dread pestilence at their borders and said, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." He reports the following decisions, which we give in full with his comments, as some principles are involved which have received considerable attention at our hands in former reports:—

"1st Question.—'Can we substitute a companion with two candidates to confer the Royal Arch degree?'"

"Answer.—'Yes.' See edict of the Grand Chapter, Proceedings of 1878.

"Obedience to the resolution passed by the Grand Chapter of 1878 compelled me to render the decision as I did, though believing it to be contrary to the decisions of former Grand High Priests, in violation of the constitutional rules and ancient usages, and utterly irreconcilable with our ritual. I hope the delegates to the Grand Chapter, who have had ample experience of the awkward working of this rule, are prepared to review and revise it.

"2d Question.—'Can a Chapter refund its fees after conferring the degrees?'"

"Answer.—'A Chapter cannot donate or refund the fees without doing violence to the Constitution.' See last clause of Section 5, Article IV, of the Constitution.

"3d Question.—'Can a High Priest suffer his Chapter to adopt any subterfuge by which the law can be evaded for the purpose of donating or refunding to a candidate fees for degrees conferred?'"

"Answer.—'The refunding of such fees, or any portion thereof, as have been established by the Grand Chapter, would be violative of the Constitution, at variance with the customs of the Chapters throughout the State, and highly improper.'

"4th Question.—'Can a Chapter bury with Masonic honors a Royal Arch Mason who dies in good standing in his Chapter, but is suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues?'"

"Answer.—'A Royal Arch Chapter has no place in a funeral procession. The Masonic burial is peculiarly the business of the Lodge, and hence cannot be performed by the Chapter.'

"5th Question.—'A dispensation is asked for to confer all the degrees at one meeting of the Chapter?'"

"Answer.—'A dispensation is not necessary. The Grand Chapter last year passed an act repealing the edict of 1868, which required candidates to pass examination of their proficiency before they were permitted to advance. Therefore all the degrees can be conferred at one meeting.'

In connection with the last question he says: "I fear that the repeal of the edict that required candidates to undergo an examination will prove injurious to our Order." The tendency of the time is to rush candidates through in the shortest possible time, in many instances using the Chapter only as a stepping-stone to the Commandery, that some one may appear before the gaze of admiring friends clad in all the "pomp and circumstance" of feathers and linsel at some Triennial or other parade. Such Royal Arch Masons are small benefit to the Chapter, and in most cases are never seen there after their exaltation.

With reference to the fourth decision, while we agree with the Grand High Priest

in the general spirit of his answer, we must state that in some jurisdictions, notably Massachusetts, a special burial service is prepared for Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$86.44.

The Report on Correspondence is from the genial and practiced pen of Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS, and like its predecessors, is complete and thorough. In his notice of California he quotes at length and approvingly from Comp. ORME's address and from our report of that year.

There are twenty-four Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an estimated membership of 733.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Little Rock on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1883,—the M. E. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES A. HENRY being Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a well prepared paper and contains much that is of interest to the general reader. In his opening remarks he says:—

"Companions, I congratulate you on the exceptionally favorable and auspicious circumstances that characterize your present Convocation. No dark shadows rest upon the threshold of our sanctuary; no emblems of mourning drape our altar: no solemn dirges mingle with the cheerful music of our songs of praise and thanksgiving. Let us, therefore, enter upon and prosecute the duties that lie before us, not only here in the warm inclosure of this sacred fold, but out in the hard, cold, pitiless world, with cheerful hearts and with a holy purpose and determination to exhibit our gratitude to God for His manifold blessings, in that manner most acceptable to Him that will illustrate in visible acts and deeds the beauty of our principles and the sincerity of our professions."

No decisions of general interest are reported, the only question he had been called upon to decide being with reference to a non-affiliate holding office in the Grand Chapter, which question he very properly decided in the negative. Under the head of General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"It was my pleasure and good fortune, as one of the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, to attend the twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held in the city of Denver, Colorado, in August last. The attendance was large and the occasion one of universal rejoicing, resulting in much benefit to the Craft, strengthening the bonds of fraternal relations existing among the widely diversified jurisdictions of this great nation, and tending much to consolidate in one harmonious whole the unity of our individual brotherhood.

"The reception given to visiting companions by the companions and citizens generally of that beautiful, prosperous and progressive city, was on a scale of magnificence, accompanied with a degree of generous warmth and hospitality that not only amazed us, but filled our hearts with admiration and gratitude. Everything was done that the most liberal hospitality and delicate consideration could suggest, to make our too short stay among them pleasant, agreeable and enjoyable.

"One feature of our entertainment, long to be remembered, at least by me, was an excursion up Clear Creek Canyon. As I gazed upon the marvelous wonders that characterize that stupendous exhibition of nature's powers, so rich in varied scenery of exquisite beauty, as well as imposing grandeur, my mind was not only filled with admiration and delight, but I was impressed with feelings of reverence and awe for the greatness and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe that I had never experienced before.

"The session of the General Grand Chapter was a very harmonious one. The Grand Chapter of Arkansas was recognized and honored by the election of your humble servant to the mastery of one of the veils. It was also my good fortune to receive from Most Excellent Companion ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, General Grand High Priest, the Esoteric Work, as adopted by the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial Convocation, held in Detroit in 1880. I am sorry to say that I noticed in many particulars quite a difference in the work as given by our Grand Chapter and that of the General Grand Chapter, and I am free to say that I think ours is much the better, although there is not such a difference as would prevent a Royal Arch Mason from making himself known wherever the work as adopted by the General Grand

Chapter is taught. Uniformity, however, in a work which can only be handed down from one faithful breast to another, and which is to be the common passport among Masons in all lands and among all kindred, peoples and nations, is very much to be desired, and I recommend that a committee of our most skillful Craftmen be appointed to adopt and harmonize our own work with that approved and adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Lecturer be required to promulgate and teach the same as so changed and modified.

"At the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held in 1880, a resolution was adopted, providing 'that there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons to open any of the bodies under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, but that five may work as a Lodge of Mark Masters,' etc.

"At the last Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter this resolution was so amended as to authorize no less than eight to work as a Lodge of Mark Masters."

He sustains the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec in its controversy with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, as we think the Grand Chapters of the United States will generally do. We shall notice this unpleasant subject more fully in our review of the proceedings of that Grand Chapter.

Under the head of "National Masonic Hospital," he advances some ideas which, to us, seem to partake somewhat of the Utopian philosophy. We give them, however, for the consideration of our companions:—

"In his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter of this State, at its last Convocation, Most Excellent Grand High Priest STONE made mention of a matter to which I would call your most serious consideration. Alluding to the requests that had been made for contributions from this jurisdiction in aid of a GARFIELD Memorial Hospital at Washington, our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest used the following language:—

"Though I fully appreciate the sad circumstances of, and the national loss in, the death of our distinguished companion, etc., still there are permanent claims on us nearer home. I allude to the establishment of a World's Masonic Hospital at our renowned sanitarium at Hot Springs. The Masons of Arkansas owe it to the Craft throughout the world—especially the United States—to take the necessary steps for the ultimate erection of such a hospital. It may not be advisable for this Grand Chapter to take action in the matter, but we are all Masons, and perhaps a word here may lead to favorable action in the Grand Lodge."

"There are none of you who can understand and appreciate as I do the truth and force of these suggestions, for none of you know as I do, the circumstances that appeal so strongly to the sympathy of every humane heart in behalf of such a worthy and commendable charity. If you, my beloved companions, were as familiar as I am with the pitiable condition of the multitude of poor, crippled, diseased paupers who annually seek the healing waters of Hot Springs: who, animated with the one and only eager desire for restored health, come without money, without clothing, without anything but their poor diseased bodies, from almost every quarter of the globe, and cast themselves upon the charity of an overtaxed and overburdened community; how they lie by night and day on the sides of the hills, exposed to all the vicissitudes of weather—naked, hungry, dying—your hearts, like mine, would be filled with ineffable pity, and you would make their hapless cause one of the chief considerations of this Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, whose highest aspirations and noblest endeavors should be to alleviate the sufferings of mankind. I speak not in terms of undue exaggeration when I say that the establishment of a great charity hospital at Hot Springs is a matter of national concern, of much more importance than many objects that are now engaging the anxious attention of the American people. This is a want which is universally felt by all who are in any manner acquainted with the necessity and circumstances of the case, but the great practical question with us has been, and is now, what is the best method to adopt to attain the desired object? Various suggestions have been made, but none that strike me more favorably than that hinted at by our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest. It is not to be expected that an institution of this kind, of sufficient magnitude to meet the necessities of the case, should be built and maintained by organized bodies of Masonry alone; but I do believe that if the project was taken in hand and patronized by our Masonic bodies, and through them an appeal made to the people of the nation, the guarantee of good faith and commendable purpose thus afforded would soon bring in sufficient funds to build and maintain an institution that would be an honor to our nation and a perpetual monument to the glory of Masonry."

On motion the charter of *Washington Chapter, No. 28*, was arrested; for what cause does not appear.

The Finance Committee report a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of \$724.57.

A brief Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ROBERT E. SALLS, in which California for 1882-83 is noticed. His views on the merits of Reports on Correspondence are worthy of reproduction. He says:—

"The matter of foreign correspondence has heretofore been with us one of most fortuitous and hap-hazard chance. Out of all the annual proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas to which the writer has had access, those only of one year have been found containing a report from this committee. The exceptional instance is in the case of the year 1877 (the twenty-eighth Convocation), when Comp. JOHN E. EAKIN, as chairman of the committee, presented a most excellent document of the kind, which, like almost everything else emanating from his ready and fluent pen, is entirely original in its tenor and scope.

"The absence of these things in other years is not in the province of the writer to account for; but as the causes which affect such matters in other Grand Jurisdictions no doubt have, to some extent at least, a controlling influence in our own, we consider apropos in this connection the brief report on the subject made by Comp. JOSEPH P. HOBBS to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana at its last Convocation, in which (after determining to postpone until next year a review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters) it is said: 'While we are convinced that reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters are greatly conducive to the good of this Grand Chapter, and to that of the Order generally, in creating emulation, maintaining and fostering fraternal relations, and in promoting harmony and uniformity of work and legislation, still the reports of the various Committees on Correspondence are not so widely read and studied as some companions imagine, and in some instances are perused only by the reviewers themselves, and written principally to that end. In illustration of our meaning, we have not made a report for some years prior to ours of last year. Since the appearance of that, have had the curiosity to ask many members of this Grand Chapter whether they had read it, and we have failed to find three among all your members who would plead guilty to the "soft impeachment." This is indeed a remarkable statement, and if the want of appreciation which it indicates is of general prevalence in the craft, there are thousands of companions in the land who are denying themselves of what may be truly said to be a most valuable and beneficial advantage.

"Comp. EAKIN, in the report above alluded to, remarked that 'certainly it must be confessed, the voluminous reports on foreign correspondence constitute by far the most interesting, if not the most useful, portions of the printed proceedings of the several Grand Chapters;' and on arising from the task of culling over the reports in his hands, the writer testifies that, no matter how little they may have contributed in teaching him to subdue his passions, they have done far more for his improvement in Capitalist Masonry than any other employment, for the same period, in which he was ever engaged. This, too, has been the case with every other craftsman who has given in his experience in the matter; nor could it be otherwise while such able and adapted minds as Comps. DRUMMOND, of Maine, CASWELL, of California, GUNN, of Illinois, etc., etc., are devoted to drafting these documents. By far the greater part of them bear unmistakable evidence of the most elaborate and painstaking care, directed by discriminating and judicious taste, which render them not only invaluable repositories of Masonic tidings and intelligence, but also literary productions of the highest order of merit.

"Superadded to this, too, is the fact that they form the principal medium through which the 'pros and cons' of nearly every question which agitates or concerns the craft, is analyzed and discussed.

"So that in this particular they may be considered as constituting the great balance-wheel by which the force of conflicting opinions are reduced to at least an approximate harmony, and so distributed to the fraternity at large. Possessing this last feature alone, they would deserve the indifference of those Masons only who

'Think the rustic cackle of their burg
The murmur of the world,'

and who look upon the horizon of their Lodge or Chapter-room as encircling everything connected with the Order in which they have a lot or part.

"The present report is necessarily brief and incomplete. The proceedings of the several Grand Chapters were not placed in the hands of the writer until some time about the middle of October; since which time he has been almost daily annoyed and harassed by professional engagements, which admit neither of postponement or neglect. Consequently the work done on the report has been such only as time could be found for at night and other odd hours. We have done the best we could under all the circumstances, and it is trusted that the report will be accepted by the Grand Chapter with the kind allowances which should always be indulged in such cases."

One more extract on the subject of non-payment of dues and we take leave of this genial writer, who would have made an excellent report had time been given him to prepare it. Under the head of "Jurisprudence" he says:—

"Under this heading it was the design of the writer to have given to the Grand Chapter a synopsis of the approved decisions of the several Grand High Priests, important resolutions of a general character, and other edicts of our sister Grand Chapters, but the limited time in which these proceedings have been in his hands has forbidden even an intelligent attempt in that direction.

"What seems to be the most vexatious and generally discussed question is the old and long-standing one about the right of Chapters to suspend their members for the non-payment of dues.

"The writer thought he had traced several years ago to its source the error into which what may be called '*the lenients*' have fallen in this regard, namely, the loose and ill-considered conclusions (rare, if not singular) reached by Comp. ALBERT G. MACKAY while compiling his admirable and almost invaluable work on '*Jurisprudence of Freemasonry*,' where he lays down the doctrine of the inability of Masonic bodies to compel memberships and enforce payment of dues, on the ground that we are *free*, and hence, in this particular, are allowed to do as we please. Several years ago the writer was the Master of the Lodge at Camden, and, in trying to bring up some of our recalcitrant brethren 'to the snorting pole,' this very question was brought up and stared the paying members in the face.

"The Worshipful Master decided that it was true that all Masons are *free* up to the time of first entering the door of the Temple, but that after that time they owed, not only to their brethren, but to the Lodge also, certain duties which they were *under bond* to perform; and among those they owed to the Lodge was that of paying dues. This was the writer's opinion at that time, and he has not seen anything since to change it."

We fully concur in his opinion.

There are fifty-four subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 1,412.

The *M. E.* GEORGE L. KIMBALL was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JAMES A. HENRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held in the city of Ottawa on the thirteenth day of July, 1883,—the *M. E.* DONALD ROSS, Grand Z., presiding, and *R. E.* DAVID McLELLAN being Grand Scribe E. Fifty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand Z. is brief and treats of local matters entirely. He reports that during the year there has been an uninterrupted continuance of peace and harmony in the working of subordinate Chapters, and that none but the most fraternal relations exist between the Grand Chapter of Canada and sister Grand Chapters with whom they are in correspondence. One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter. He bestows a well-deserved compliment upon the Grand Scribe E. and recommended an increase of his salary in some degree commensurate with his labors and worth.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various districts show a gratifying condition of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is excellent, there being a cash balance in the Treasury of \$2,807 99, and invested funds amounting to \$6,000; making the total assets \$8,807 99.

The legislation of the Grand Chapter was simply routine and of local interest only.

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by the veteran Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON, who for sixteen years past has wielded the pen for Canada with so much credit to himself and satisfaction to his companions. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters with his usual courtesy and care, and gives California for 1883 a kindly and fraternal notice. In commenting upon our report for that year he says:—

"He has advanced views on the theory of the prerogatives of the Grand Master. His opinions will not be generally accepted now, but the time will come when, on this continent, at least, it will be universally held that the Grand Master, or Grand High Priest, or the presiding officer of any other Masonic body, has no other powers or prerogatives than those conferred on him by the Constitution governing the entire body. Absolute despotism in any shape is entirely unsuited to the genius and temperament of the age in which we live.

"He believes, as we do, that it is in the Lodge that the real duties of Masonry are performed, and that the real interests of Masonry would not suffer if there were neither Chapters, Councils or Commanderies."

Under the head of Illinois he says :—

"He dissents from the 'unnatural' proposition that an installed officer cannot resign. The reason which has been given for the doctrine that an officer cannot resign, is that at his installation he takes a solemn declaration that he will perform the duties of his office during the term for which he was elected, and until the installation of his successor. It is said that to allow an officer to resign would be to allow a violation of an obligation. In this view of the case, would it not be well to alter the installation ceremony and thus avoid the difficulty? There does not seem to be any good reason why an officer should not be allowed to resign. Very frequently it happens that an officer removes to some other jurisdiction, where, of course, it is impossible that he can perform the duties of his office, and in such a case, we presume that some of the sticklers will argue that he has violated his installation obligation. We do not suppose that this obligation is binding, or that any obligation is binding under circumstances which render it impossible of fulfillment. We believe that an officer should be allowed to resign, or to obtain his dimt, just the same as any other member, and if the ceremony of installation interferes with this privilege, then the ceremony should be altered."

We have long endeavored to bring our companions to take this common-sense view of the case.

There are seventy-eight subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 3,537.

The M. E. HENRY MACPHERSON was elected Grand Z., and the R. E. DAVID McLELLAN was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO.

The ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Denver on the twentieth day of September, 1893,—the M. E. ROGER W. WOODBURY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ED. C. PARMLEE being Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says :—

"I have been asked to define to this Grand Chapter my opinion upon the resolution relating to one-armed Masons. At the late Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, General Grand High Priest CHAPMAN advocated great liberality in passing upon applications for advancement from maimed Master Masons, and his views were unanimously indorsed by the General Grand Chapter. It has been thought wise by this Grand Chapter to erect a permanent bar to the advancement of a Mason with one arm. The loss of a leg or a hand or a foot appears not to have been considered. The resolution, if considered as establishing a rule for the government of constituent Chapters in their relations with maimed applicants, fails to answer the purpose, as it relates to but one of the many maims which the human frame may suffer. The Chapter may reject an applicant who has lost an arm, and accept his brother with one leg, and do it on the ground that the Grand Chapter has specified what constitutes a maim sufficient for rejection, and said nothing against applicants with but one leg. It would be a nice matter to specify literally all that should constitute a maim to advancement; and then, again, that which should by all means be a bar to initiation need not necessarily prevent advancement. The Mason that is every way qualified, except by an unfortunate physical casualty, is entitled to some consideration. The man that is uninitiated is not. Royal Arch Masonry can no more be injured by receiving such a man, possibly an ornament to the Lodge and to society, than it can be if a companion suffers a like misfortune after receiving the degrees. In short, I conceive of no arbitrary, inflexible rule that should apply, but that it would be a sufficient protection, and more uniformly satisfactory, if the Grand High Priest had these questions at his own disposal."

Relative to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he says :—

"The principal event in Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction during the year was the twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which convened at Denver on the thirteenth of August. The work of the committee having in charge the reception and comfort of the members and courtesies to them, in the name of this Grand Chapter, will be reported to you in detail during the day. It will not be inappropriate for me to say, what the committee have not touched upon, that there was a universal expression of pleasure and gratification from representatives from all parts of the country at the manner of their reception and the courtesies we endeavored to show them. The elegance of the rooms prepared by the fraternity in Denver received a liberal share of praise, and the expression was frequently heard that they were the finest Masonic quarters they had ever seen. The procession to the reception hall was a very handsome affair and received much praise from the public. It was hoped that more of the members of the Grand Chapter would have been present throughout the week, but such as could attend gave material assistance in the arduous duties imposed upon the committee. Letters of thanks were sent to all associations contributing to making the exercises so much of a success. Notwithstanding the heavy drafts made upon our Grand Chapter treasury, it yet remains in excellent condition. The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States also met in Denver at the time of the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and the committee provided it with quarters for its Triennial. I think it can safely be said that none of the distinguished representatives to these national Masonic organizations regretted the decision at Detroit three years ago by which Denver was selected for 1883. The General Grand Chapter unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this General Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the Grand Chapter of Colorado and to the Masonic fraternity of Denver for their unremitting and most successful efforts to contribute to the pleasure and promote the comfort of the members of the General Grand Chapter during their sojourn in the most interesting city of Denver."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$2,367 47.

The Triennial Committee presented their report, which was adopted; and the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to Comp. ROGER W. WOODBURY, chairman of the committee, for his arduous labors and the success which attended them.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, who, owing to the illness of Comp. WILLIAM A. HARDENBROOK, chairman of the committee, undertook the labor and performed it well. We regret to learn that Comp. HARDENBROOK has since died, at his residence in Denver, on the fifteenth day of September, 1883. Comp. FOSTER, in his notice of California for 1883, makes liberal extracts from Comp. PETRIE's address and from our Report on Correspondence, and considering the brief time allowed him, has made a very readable and interesting report.

The sixteen Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total membership of 903.

The M. E. EDWARD B. NEWMAN was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. E. C. D. PARMELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of this venerable Grand Chapter was held in the city of New Haven on the eighth day of May, 1883,—the M. E. JAMES H. WELSH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH K. WHEELER being Grand Secretary. Thirty-six out of the thirty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of M. E. General Grand High Priest, Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWEN, and R. E. Comp. GEORGE R. LEDYARD, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. No questions had been referred to him for decision, and as a Grand High Priest his lines appear to "have fallen in pleasant places," as his duties consisted chiefly in visiting the subordinate Chapters, which he found rather a pleasure than a burden.

The reports of the visiting Grand Officers show that the Royal Craft in Connecticut is in a fairly prosperous condition and losing nothing of its former prestige.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$206 90, and the Board of Trustees report the amount invested to be \$417 35.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That any companion who shall hereafter be, or may have been heretofore stricken from the roll of his Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues, shall not be permitted to visit any Chapter in this jurisdiction, while under such disability."

Verily "the world do move."

One new Chapter was granted a charter.

One resolution strikes us as somewhat novel, viz :—

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of *La Fayette* Chapter, No. 20, Comp. J. W. GILLEN, be required to show cause at the next Annual Convocation why he should not be deprived of all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, for gross—and, as your committee believe—willful irregularities in the returns sent to this Grand Chapter."

The usual course in such cases is to prefer charges against the delinquent, and have him dealt with, if guilty, in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, is a model paper and comprises a review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters. California for 1882 receives from him a complimentary notice, for which we return thanks. He says :—

"We have before us the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the compilation of which is a model for completeness, giving a full list of members, general regulations, and much local information.

"The Address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, is an eloquent production."

He then quotes at length from the address, and in closing says :—

"An excellent Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, thirty-eight jurisdictions reviewed. Connecticut receives brief but fraternal notice. He strongly contends against the New England practice of suspension from membership merely, or dropping from the roll, as a punishment for non-payment of dues, and allowing companions thus deprived of Lodge membership to retain their membership in the Chapter. This latter point we think is well taken. Although Connecticut practices that custom, we still think a brother who refuses to pay dues to help sustain his Lodge, violates his obligation as a Mason, and should not be allowed to remain in good standing in the Chapter. We would like to copy further from this excellent report, but space forbids."

All which, coming from a reviewer of Comp. BARLOW's high reputation, is very gratifying and we duly appreciate it.

Under the head of Massachusetts, in commenting upon Comp. DADMUN's answer to some remarks of ours upon the novel subject of non-payment of dues, he says :—

"We think with Comp. CASWELL, that a Mason's first Masonic duty is to his Lodge. We have no great respect for the Mason who casts his Lodge aside to strut in the showy feathers of a valiant Knight."

He further says :—

"Comp. DADMUN seems rather to confound those who have the desire but not the ability to pay dues with those who have the ability but *not* the *willingness* to pay. It is to the latter class that our remarks were directed. Those living stones which, as he says, the Grand Lodge pronounces good work and square work, sometimes lose their fair proportions; and we think the Mason who would shirk his Lodge dues by becoming non-affiliated is good material to heave over among the rubbish."

In conclusion he says :—

"We have again endeavored to perform the pleasing, though arduous, duty imposed on us by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and present the result of our labors. We have derived much pleasure—and, we trust, profit—in our perusal of the formidable pile of proceedings before us. From these we find Capitular Masonry—with but few exceptions—in a satisfactory condition. From our statistical table, which we here append, twenty-six jurisdictions report a gain in membership the past year of 3,960, while in seventeen jurisdictions there is a loss of 930, leaving a net gain the past year of 3,030—although the whole membership, as compared with last year, shows a less gain. This is accounted for in some jurisdictions where Chapters fail to make returns, and the members not included in the reports to the Grand Secretary. Many feeble Chapters in the southern jurisdictions have sur-

rendered their charters, and a few new Chapters had been formed; and we are pleased to notice that the increase of members is mostly added strength to the present Chapters rather than the formation of new ones. Three thousand one hundred and forty-eight have been suspended or deprived of membership for non-payment of dues. These figures may be slightly incorrect, as a few jurisdictions do not report those separate from suspended for other unmasonic conduct, and we have been compelled to place them all under that head. This subject is still one of contention, and almost as unsettled as ever. It is a subject, we think, that calls for calm, patient, but decisive action. We adhere to the opinions expressed in our report of last year—that the brother or companion who is able to pay his dues, and refuses to do so, or by neglect treats his Lodge and Chapter in silent contempt, should be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. But let us respect the opinion of those who differ on this subject, and extend to companions who may temporarily sojourn among us all the rights and privileges given them by their Grand Chapter, allowing every jurisdiction to decide the status of its own members.

"Notwithstanding we have been spared the past year from the ravages of pestilential disease, in several jurisdictions it has been one of sorrow and bereavement. Many bright stars in Masonry have been called to their eternal home—their places vacant, their light extinguished. As we gather in Triennial Convocation the present year, the vacant chair will sadly remind us that our honored companion, ROBERT F. BOWEN, late General Grand High Priest, is no more. Though his work was not done, his column is broken and his brethren mourn. May Heaven's choicest blessings descend upon those jurisdictions called upon to mourn the loss of their noblest and best, and comfort the sorrowing ones."

The report is a most interesting one, and its perusal has afforded us much pleasure.

The thirty-seven subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 4,027.

The *M. E.* JOHN S. CASTLE was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Wilmington on the seventeenth day of January, 1883,—the *M. E.* THOMAS DAVIDSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* HENRY B. MCINTYRE being Grand Secretary. Five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, speaks somewhat despondently of the condition of the Order in that jurisdiction. He says:—

"My companions, I am sorry to say that all of the work for the past year has been wrought by the Chapters located in this city, and that two of the Chapters outside of the city have not met during the past year, unless within the last month; and that brothers living nearest those Chapters who would have applied for further light were deterred from so doing—having knowledge of the same—knowing that they could not receive the degrees."

His official acts were few and of local interest only.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$52 82.

Comp. WILLIAM G. W. LEWIS pleasantly but briefly reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, giving California for 1882 a fair share of his attention. He quotes liberally from the Address of Comp. ORME, but the latin quotation, "*Quam fluctus diversi, quam mare conjuncti*," knocked him out in one round, and he appeals to Comp. INNES, of Michigan, to decipher it. Doubtless the gentle WILLIAM will do it, but we beg leave to present our own translation; no extra charge for poetry:—

The mighty billows as they rise
Seem huge, distinct and free,
But ere their force is scarcely spent
Are gobbled by the sea.

The rendition is somewhat free, but, such as it is, Comp. LEWIS is welcome to it. He gives the writer a pleasant shot in parting, and we regret to learn that he retires from the reportorial chair. In his conclusion he says:—

"It is with reluctance that we bid farewell to the members of the M. A. S. of Reporters. We have taken great delight in perusing the various reports that have come to our hands, and willingly acknowledge, and gratefully, too, the debt we owe to those whose experience and skill have led us on to a better acquaintance with Royal Arch Masonry than we have had before we were admitted to this society.' Gladly would we linger in such honorable and pleasant company, but the Great High Priest appears to have other work for us to do elsewhere, and we yield our place to our successor. May he find a kindly welcome as we have found, and succeed in so filling the post that Masonry shall be a gainer for the change."

Our reverend companion has our best wishes for his success in whatever field he may be called to labor.

There are six subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 343.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Washington on the thirteenth day of June, 1883,—the *M. E.* JEREMIAH C. ALLEN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* LEWIS G. STEPHENS being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction since the last Annual Convocation, and found all working in peace and harmony.

The following amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Comp. N. D. LARNER, at the Annual Convocation, was adopted :—

"Add at end of Sec. 3, Art VI, the following : 'And any companion who may be suspended or dropped from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or any other cause, shall be suspended from his Chapter during the term of his suspension by the Lodge.'"

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at the same place on the twelfth day of December, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present and all the Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we infer that the Royal Craft in the District are enjoying a season of prosperity. He says :—

"It is truly gratifying and almost remarkable to witness the great interest still kept up at the visitations, and to observe the accuracy and neatness in which, as a rule, the records of the several Chapters are kept. I am also pleased to be able to report that there appears to be an increasing desire on the part of the companions to keep down their indebtedness to their Chapters as low as possible, thereby exhibiting a commendable spirit in endeavoring to gratify their officers, who are always anxious to make a good financial showing. I think it may also be safely said that, notwithstanding there has been a large amount of work done in the several Chapters during the past year, care has been exercised in selecting for our Masonic edifice material which may be pronounced 'good work, true work, square work, just such work as I am authorized to receive.'"

He announces the death of *M. E.* GEORGE B. CLARK, Past Grand High Priest, of whom he says :—

"As a man and a Mason he was one of nature's noblemen. He was loved by all who knew him. In his death the Masonic fraternity have lost a faithful and honest Mason, his wife a devoted husband, and his children a kind and indulgent father."

His official acts were few and call for no comment. He calls attention to the Reports on Correspondence, and states that ever since the formation of the Grand Chapter, all the mental and manual labor required to produce that great work had been gratuitously furnished. He thinks that this kind of nonsense ought to be stopped, and recommends that Bro. LARNER, who for the past seven years has so ably filled the responsible position of Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence—which means that he has written all the reports—be allowed fifty dollars for his services during the year just closed. The reports from this Grand Chapter have

for many years given evidence of exceptional ability, and, of course, the small sum of fifty dollars is no adequate compensation for the labor involved in the preparation of such a report as Comp. LARNER annually produces; but we presume this sum is all that the finances of the Grand Chapter will justify, and it is at least a recognition of his services and an evidence of appreciation when the Grand Chapter pays all it can afford for such service.

In conclusion the Grand High Priest pays the following graceful compliment to the Craft:--.

"To the members of the Craft in general I will say, that so far as my observation has extended, your high sense of honor, your gentlemanly behavior and manly conduct on all occasions during the year, has been such as to commend you to all right thinking men as Masons who are determined to let 'your conduct in the world, as in your Chapters and amongst your companions be such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that you may not, like the unfinished and imperfect work of the negligent and unfaithful of former times, be rejected and thrown aside as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

The Committee on Grievances "groaned in the spirit" that no opportunity was given them to exercise their functions.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands is reported at \$1,111 63.

The Grand Lecturer reports a very efficient and satisfactory condition of the subordinate Chapters, to which he had made sixty-four visits during the year, an average of eight visits to each Chapter.

The Quebec difficulty was discussed, and while the action of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was characterized as apparently "just and proper," yet it was deemed advisable that the other side of the question should be heard before any definite action was taken by the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. Accordingly the matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the next Semi-Annual Convocation.

Amendments to the Constitution were offered, which, if adopted, will make the law of that jurisdiction, relative to suspension for non-payment of dues, and objections offered to the advancement of candidates, practically the same as that of California.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand High Priest's Address, in their report say:--

"Your committee congratulate the Grand Chapter on the fact alluded to by the M. E. Grand High Priest, that the District of Columbia will be honored by the presence of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at its next Triennial Convocation, and also that one of our Past Grand High Priests has been chosen to be the second officer of that body, and we are confident that the companions of this District will exert themselves to make the occasion of that Convocation one of such joy and rejoicing as was only excelled by the dedication of the Temple of King Solomon in ancient times."

A committee of nine were appointed to make all the necessary arrangements, and doubtless there will be festive times at the "gathering of the clans" in 1886. We were unavoidably absent at the dedication of SOLOMON'S Temple, and therefore shall not be qualified to make comparisons; but we presume we shall be able to form some estimate of how the jolly Hebrews did the thing, after we have participated in the ensuing Triennial at Washington.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, is fully up to his usual standard of excellence, and deals with the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, California for 1883 included. He thinks the Address of Comp. PETRIE was hardly up to the California standard "as to length," but finds no fault with its quality. Of our report he says:--

"The Report on Correspondence was again from Comp. CASWELL, covering one hundred and three pages, with a review in his usual good style of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. Those

of the District of Columbia received quite an extended and complimentary notice. He fully agrees with us that a High Priest has the right to remove an unfaithful appointed officer, and pronounces our views on the question of non-payment of dues, which he quotes in full, as 'sound.'

"We most heartily agree with Comp. CASWELL that the non-payment of dues is a *Masonic offense*, made so by the law which governs all Chapters, and voluntarily subscribed to as such by each companion when he enters the Chapter. If it is not to be considered as such, change it and make it optional with all to pay or not as they may deem fit.

"There are many other passages in this report that we would like to quote; but as we have not the space, we must say good-bye, CASWELL; we have been there, seen the sights, enjoyed your hospitality, had a good time, got home safe, and will be ready to go again when the opportunity offers. Send some '*Mountain Vineyard*.'"

We will put a bottle in our grip-sack when we visit you in '86, Comp. LARNER.

The eight Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total membership of 1,166.

The M. E. BURTON R. ROSS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. LEWIS G. STEPHENS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Jacksonville on the fifteenth day of January, 1883,—the M. E. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS being Grand Secretary. Six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief and does not present a very encouraging idea of the condition of the Craft in the Land of Flowers.

He announces the death of Comp. LUTHER MCCONNIE, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and pays the following glowing tribute to his memory:—

"On the tenth of May our own beloved companion, LUTHER MCCONNIE, for many years Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, ceased to live and labor. By his death we are oppressed with the weight of a great sorrow and bereavement. The void created by his death is not only difficult to measure, but far more difficult to fill. To say that a good man has fallen in the midst of the years of his greatest usefulness, is but a feeble expression of the sincere love and tender affection cherished by the companions of him whose life was so blameless, and character so elevated, as to inspire confidence and command the respect of the better classes of society. To him the burdened heart could pour out its sorrows, and distresses prefer its suit, with confident assurance of a tender, sympathetic response. He dignified every station, and elevated every position in which he was placed, and as a result of his inflexible fidelity to the sacred trusts confided to and the confidence reposed in him during an active and useful life, his memory is invested with honors and glories far more substantial and enduring than victor's wreaths and monarch's gems."

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

In conclusion he says:—

"Whenever we make the discovery that a sad decline is impressed upon everything connected with Masonic work and progress, it is a labor—not of love, but of mistaken zeal—to endeavor by any process of reformation, or upon any principle of improvement, to correct existing evils by theory and precept, in the absence of correct practice and holy example. Nor need we go outside the circle of our own companionship in search of causes, hoping thereby to be able to solve the problem as to why and wherefore the former times were better and more fruitful of results than these latter days, for in so doing it will appear that we fail to inquire wisely concerning the matter; it must be apparent, to even the casual observer, that our Masonic Zion is wearing the habiliments of mourning; not alone because so few come to our annual feasts, but for the reason that so very few are holding fast the professions they once made, and utterly fail to perform their vows so solemnly assumed when invested with the treasures and inducted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch.

"I regret exceedingly that it devolves upon me to venture the prediction, by way of warning, that unless the faithful few shall become so interested for the general good and special welfare of the Royal Arch as to gird on the armor of diligence and perseverance, and strive valiantly for the maintenance of principle, and establishment of the truth, the time may not be in the far distant future when we shall realize the fact that our glory is turned into shame, because of the reproach of the

wicked, and the triumph of ungodly men over us; if Masonry is worth anything, it certainly is worth all the labor and the best efforts we can possibly bestow upon it. In honoring the institution we honor ourselves, and in diffusing light and knowledge, and doing good unto our fellow men, we fulfill the law; and then, but not before, are we entitled to the rewards promised to the faithful."

We trust the "faithful few" will take heed to the warning so clearly set before them, and that the unfaithful and thoughtless many will be brought to see the error of their ways, and through repentance seek reformation.

He also makes appropriate allusion to the death of *M. E.* Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWER, General Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$352 50.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and the legislation is of no general interest.

The seven Chapters making returns have a total membership of 214.

The *M. E.* GEORGE S. HALLMARK was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The sixty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Atlanta on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1883,—the *M. E.* CHARLES E. LAMBDIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address reads his companions a lecture upon the work and duties of Masonry. He had no official acts to report save the appointment of a few Representatives, among which the name of WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE appears as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of California.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to restore all subordinate Chapters now under suspension, or whose charters have been declared forfeited, on the payment, by each one, to the Grand Secretary of the sum of fifty dollars—Grand Secretary, as far as practicable, to notify old officers."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The entire proceedings are contained in a pamphlet of twenty pages, among which we vainly seek for an item of sufficient interest to hang a comment on.

The Chapters making returns number twenty-five, having an aggregate membership of 753. The last on the list is numbered sixty-two, where are the thirty-seven?

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-fifth day of October, 1883,—the *M. E.* SAMUEL SHANNON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD being Grand Secretary. A large number of subordinate Chapters were represented, but we have no time to reckon the number. Grand Secretaries would confer a favor upon the reviewers if they would state in their reports the number of Chapters represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined to matters local.

The following edict shows that the Cryptic degrees have relegated to the proper authority, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters :—

"I, SAMUEL SHANNON, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois, do herewith issue this, my edict :—

"It is hereby ordered, That the several subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction cease, from this date, to confer in said Chapters, or in Councils opened under their authority, the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"It is further ordered, That the High Priests having in their possession the work known as the 'Notes of the Council,' shall forthwith return them to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter.

"The Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters are requested to issue, when required, to the companions who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in their Chapter, certificates of that fact.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter at the time and place aforesaid.

"Attest:

"SAMUEL SHANNON,
Grand High Priest.

"GIL. W. BARNARD, *Grand Secretary.*"

The Grand High Priest says :—

"The edict has been duly honored by the subordinate Chapters, and the 'Notes of the Council' have been turned in to the Grand Secretary."

We hope all the other Grand Chapters which have assumed control of the Council degrees will follow this example.

The charter of one Chapter was arrested for failure to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Chapter. Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

With reference to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter he says: "The session was interesting and profitable to all present, although nothing but routine business was transacted."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$9,593 15.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

"Resolved, That every member of a Chapter holding Lodge membership without this Grand Chapter jurisdiction shall present the Secretary of his Chapter yearly evidence of his continued good standing in his Lodge; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make it a matter of record."

The committee reported in favor of its adoption, and it was so ordered.

A somewhat novel proposition was made and referred to the Committee on Accounts, viz: that instead of requiring the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to give bonds, a policy be taken out in some "Indemnity Company," the Grand Council paying the expense of said policy. In other words the company insure the honesty of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for a stated sum or premium. The committee to whom the subject was referred presented the following report :—

Your Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution of Comp. W. E. POULSON, regarding the indemnity of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, find that the premium would be about 1.70 per cent. per annum. Want of time to give the matter full and careful consideration will not permit your committee to give full information, therefore we recommend that the matter be postponed until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

The report was adopted, and thus these officers will have their integrity in their own keeping for another year.

The Committee on Grievances reported that their department was closed on account of lack of patronage.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual from the able pen of Comp. THEODORE T. GURNEY, and covers one hundred and thirty-one pages of the annual. The proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed in a careful, interesting, and fraternal manner. He quotes the following from the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence :—

"The question is asked and referred to your committee, 'Is a written objection made by a companion who is unavoidably absent from the meeting at which a ballot is to be taken, and dated prior thereto, sufficient reason for declaring the candidate rejected?'"

"In the important matter of receiving material into Royal Arch fellowship the utmost care should be exercised, and every facility given for the fullest expression of the opinion of those who have not only the privilege, but whose duty it is to weigh carefully and judge of the merits of petitions for this Masonic distinction. Your committee are of the opinion that in a case such as stated in the question submitted, the High Priest should give the objection such consideration as to postpone the ballot, and if the objection is not formally withdrawn at a subsequent session, it is his duty to declare the candidate rejected."

Upon which he comments as follows :—

"We must dissent from the conclusions of the committee. This is the first instance of which we have any knowledge that a ballot was withheld from members. We have heard of both written and verbal (minority) objections to the reception of petitions, but never before that an absent member was permitted to strangle the rights of his associates. It may be possible that our sister jurisdiction has some local regulation that justifies its conclusions; but, if not, the universal law of the institution provides that a rejection is to be determined by *ballot*, and in no other way, excepting in case of objections subsequent to an election. Not only is this a dangerous precedent, but a precedent entirely inimical to the inalienable rights of Masons to express, in forms provided by law, their estimate of the candidate. The Grand Lodge of Illinois is so tenacious upon this subject that it makes the revelation of a vote, before or after a ballot, an offence, which, if established, would secure the punishment of the offender, even though he made known his vote to the Master of the Lodge. More than this; it is unnecessary, because an absent member's right to an objection is not impaired by an election. We will ask the distinguished committee, what would be the form of record in such a case; and if it is justifiable in a member to make known his vote before, during, or after proceedings?"

In California an unfavorable report upon an application for the degrees or membership rejects the candidate, and no ballot is had. Individually we disapprove of this course of proceedings. We believe that a ballot should be had in all cases, and that the candidate, if rejected, should be rejected by the Lodge or Chapter, and not by a committee. But such is the law of our Grand Lodge, and by it the Grand Chapter is governed. The committee, doubtless, in the case in question, looked upon the matter in the light of an objection, which in this jurisdiction has the same effect as a black-ball. The right of objection being granted, what difference does it make whether the objection is interposed before or after election. Far better, we think, that the objection should come before the election, because, after having been notified of his election, it is terribly mortifying to the candidate to be told that some one—whom he knows not—objects to his initiation, and for what cause is to him equally problematical. The form of record in such cases would be rejected by objection; and it is not justifiable "in a member to make known his vote before, during or after the proceedings."

He also says:—

"Amendments to the Constitution were offered, reducing fees to Grand Chapter. They lie over under the rule. Illinois has had enough of this kind of legislation. Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies have often been bankrupted by it, and frequently under the necessity of going back to *first* principles, rather than be constantly clad in the rags of mendicants. Don't be frightened over accumulations, but keep them securely invested, and, when means will justify, establish a charity that will reflect honor upon the empire jurisdiction of the Pacific coast."

We are not afraid of accumulations, Comp. GURNEY, but when the dividends from our invested funds shall be sufficient to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter, then the tax upon subordinates which has helped to accumulate this fund should be removed so far as is consistent with safety.

In opening his report he pays California Masons a high compliment, for which we, so far as we humbly represent the fraternity, beg leave to make our bow. He says:—

"We are always glad to get the transactions of any of the fraternal bodies of this jurisdiction. They are not only well gotten up, but embrace an amount of culture rarely equaled and never excelled.

"We now go back in our review to the brainy Report on Correspondence by M. E. Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, Past Grand High Priest, now Grand Secretary. He furnishes his readers with 103 pages of rare ability and good sense. Sometimes he is a little 'off the hooks,' as, for instance, in concurring with Comp. WOODBURY, of Colorado, that a Grand High Priest is restricted in authority and prerogative to the letter of the organic law. If there is a clause in that instrument (in California) confining the powers of the Grand High Priest to its provisions, Comp. CASWELL is justified in his view of the matter; but we find the jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter, and by express authority heretofore mentioned, resting entirely upon that of the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided. Please explain. It is unfortunate for Comp. CASWELL, and those that think with him, that the Chapter is the creation of

the Lodge, or rather of Masons, and came into existence surrounded by its traditions and practice. The same sentiment that obtains in California touching the jurisprudence of Grand Chapters is well nigh universal; hence we cannot see the propriety of divesting a Grand High Priest of prerogatives that, in usage, are rarely questioned. If such immunities are objectionable, please cease claims to *Masonic* parentage.

"Comp. CASWELL keeps up a vigorous fire upon the suspension question, and acknowledges, in his review of our jurisdiction, that it is, as we suspected, a question of dollars and cents, simple and pure."

We have written so much upon this question of prerogatives of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests that we presumed our position was thoroughly understood by all. We deny that Grand Masters or Grand High Priests have any prerogative, right or privilege not accorded them by the Constitution under which all are governed. The Constitution is made for the government of the Grand Master as well as the Tyler, and beyond its plain provisions neither has a right to go. Before the days of written Constitutions Grand Masters did pretty much as they pleased, and assumed autocratic powers; but when Constitutions were adopted, the Grand Master is as firmly bound by their provisions as the brother who stands in the northeast corner of the Lodge.

As to the last paragraph of the above quotation, we will say that our "vigorous fire upon the suspension question" is kept up upon the basis of dollars and cents. The dollars and cents that "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted;" that minister to the sick, bury the dead, and support the widow and the orphan. What is Masonry without dollars and cents? "Sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." The romance of Masonry, long since, oozed out at our fingers' ends, and it is the practical, and not the ideal, which finds favor with us. Comp. GURNEY says:—

"The trouble with Comp. CASWELL, and those that are in harmony with his views, finds its root in the unwarranted assumption that a Mason has investments in Lodge or Chapter, and that he can *command charity* (!) when occasion presents itself."

We would ask Comp. GURNEY to refer to his obligation as a Master Mason or as a Royal Arch Mason, and see whether a worthy distressed brother or companion may not reasonably *command charity* in his need. He further says:—

"We agree with him in his dissent from the conclusions of Comp. HORNER, that non-payment of dues is not a Masonic offense. We urge the converse of this proposition, and hold that a Mason who is indebted to Lodge or Chapter, and neglects or refuses to give attention to such claims, after having been notified of his delinquency, should be disciplined, promptly and severely. Sentimentalism will not defray the expenses of either Lodge or Chapter. If dues are to be dispensed with, some other method must be devised to meet claims that cannot be ignored; but until such a consummation is a fixed fact, it is folly to assume that a member should be permitted to consult his own views of propriety in such matters. As we have often stated, non-payment of dues only becomes an offense when the debtor has been notified of his indebtedness, and neglects or declines to give the Chapter attention. We are growing in the opinion that the body is entitled to the *respect* of the members; more than this, we feel justified in the conclusion that, when he has so little regard for himself and the fraternity as to treat the Lodge or Chapter with neglect or contempt, he should suffer the consequences of his diluted Masonry. It degrades the Chapter to follow up a member with a *please won't you pay?*"

In closing his review of California, he says:—

"We have spent a pleasant evening with our California companions, and, although we are not favorably impressed with some of their jurisprudence, we gladly recognize their lofty and loyal Masonic purposes. We are all trying to grasp the objective principles of our organizations—trying to elevate the character and influences of the fraternity. Laboring to this end, personal expression of opinions upon the external things of the institution will open up a wider range of thought that is certain to stimulate an increasing interest in its welfare."

Those are our sentiments, and we take our leave of Comp. GURNEY with great

reluctance, as there is much in his valuable report that we would gladly notice, but want of time and lack of space forbid.

There are one hundred and eighty-nine Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 12,407.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM L. ORR was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Indianapolis on the seventeenth day of October, 1883,—the *M. E.* ALBERT P. CHARLES, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRANWELL being Grand Secretary. Eighty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined entirely to local matters. The charters of four delinquent Chapters were arrested and their effects placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary. We are pleased to notice that in the recital of his official acts he makes an announcement which is in accordance with the doctrine we have often advocated, but which Comp. GURNEY, of Illinois, and a few others warmly dispute. He says:—

“I was asked for a dispensation to receive the petition of an unaffiliated Master Mason for the degrees. Under the rules and regulations governing subordinate Chapters, prohibiting the reception of such petitions from non-affiliated Master Masons, I declined to grant the request. *A Grand High Priest is not above the law.*”

Italics ours. A most sensible conclusion, which we commend to the careful consideration of Comp. GURNEY and the few who agree with him. The doctrine of the divine right of Kings, and the supreme power of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests is obsolete; let all obey the law.

No decisions upon questions of Masonic law are reported, all questions having been answered by reference to the *lex scripta*. He refers to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter as an occasion “of much pleasure, if not of very material profit.”

The Grand Treasurer makes the gratifying announcement that in his hands is the comfortable sum of \$6,293 68.

The customary jurisdictional unpleasantness is all that marred the general harmony.

A noble act of charity, which we are pleased to record, was performed in appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars for the relief of a Past Grand High Priest upon whom the heavy hand of disease and misfortune had fallen. “The greatest of these is Charity.”

The charters of two delinquent Chapters were ordered to be arrested.

A majority and minority report were presented upon the question of requiring but one ballot for all the degrees, the majority being in favor, and the minority adverse to the proposition. Very properly, as we believe, the minority report was laid upon the table, and the majority report was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred an amendment to the Rules, as follows:—

“RULE 141. A companion who, for any cause, may have been suspended or expelled by a Lodge of Master Masons, and subsequently restored by the Lodge, is thereby restored to good standing in his Chapter, and the Secretary shall so note the fact on the records.”

Reported in favor of its adoption, and the report was concurred in. This, according to our ideas, is the correct course where the Chapter has taken no definite action in the case. This Committee on Jurisprudence is a formidable body, consisting of eleven members, all, we believe, Past High Priests. Rule 75 was amended as follows: by striking out the last clause and inserting, “Such objection shall be in force until withdrawn or the objector ceases to be a member of the Chapter.” We

like our California rule better, viz.: that an objection has the same force as a black ball—no more, no less.

It is the custom in Indiana for the Grand High Priest to write the Report on Correspondence, and we have read some excellent ones from these distinguished officers, and the one before us we pronounce as exceptional in ability, yet we cannot indorse this custom of our companions in Indiana. To write a good Report on Correspondence requires experience and training; a knowledge, not only of the laws of the jurisdiction to which the reporter is amenable, but of those whose proceedings he reviews. As a rule, the Grand High Priest, occupying his honorable position for one year only, does not deem it necessary to study the laws of sister jurisdictions but if called upon to write the Report on Correspondence, knowing it is for but once, performs his labor without taking the trouble to investigate below the surface of matters as they appear to him in the printed proceedings of the various Grand Chapters submitted to him for review; while the experienced reporter, who for years has been trained to his work, understands the local regulations of the various Grand Jurisdictions, and consequently is led into no such mistakes as appears in the following review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of California for 1883: He quotes the question propounded to our Grand High Priest, Comp. PERAZ, and his answer, viz:—

“What course shall we take with a companion whose name is on the roll of the Chapter, but is a non-affiliated Mason, and is not contributing to any Lodge of Master Masons?”

“Answer—A Royal Arch Mason, situated like the one mentioned, is a suspended Mason under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, and is not entitled to any of the rights and privileges of Blue Lodge Masonry, and, being thus suspended in his Lodge, suspends him in his Chapter also; in other words, he cannot be recognized in *any manner*, either in Lodge or Chapter.”

His comments upon this decision lead us to believe that he does not fully understand the law of California relative to unaffiliated Masons. He says:—

“This decision, under the California method of dealing with non-affiliates, is correct; but, from our standpoint, it seems to us to be wrong. We suppose no word we can speak will add to the weight of our side of the controversy which has been waged so fiercely over the California way of dealing with the question. A brother dimitts from his Lodge, he fails to affiliate with another, either because he does not try, or because, upon trial, he is refused admission to membership; soon his dimit ‘runs out’ and then he becomes a non-affiliate. Under the California rule he is then suspended ‘constitutionally’ and *ipse facto* he becomes suspended in his Chapter, no matter how worthy, no matter how deserving, no matter how valuable a member he may be, no matter if the fault be not at his door, yet up he goes without any trial or defence, no opportunity to show his blamelessness or the injury that a Lodge has afflicted upon him. We are speaking now from the decision; it is broad and sweeping, with no exceptions. We can not see any of the fairness and justice which should characterize Masonry, either in such a broad, sweeping rule of the Grand Lodge, or of the Chapter which follows it. If non-affiliation in a Lodge, (whether the fault of the brother of the Lodge) is suspension *ipse facto* in a Chapter, then we think with equal propriety, should the loss of a leg or an arm or any other disability which renders him physically unable to literally comply with the requirements of Capital Masonry, suspend a companion. If he is to be hoisted with his own petard in one case, let him be hoisted in the other also. He has no right or business to become a non-affiliate, even if the Lodge won’t receive him—that must, somehow, be his fault; and so he has no right or business to become a cripple after receiving the degrees; that must be his fault—let him, at his peril, be hale and have his limbs as a man ought. We do not believe non-affiliation in a Lodge should work suspension in the Chapter. To us it seems neither right nor just; but whatever our opinions may be, we are aware that they will not affect our California, Oregon, Nebraska and Missouri companions, or those of other jurisdictions which are joined to their new idols on the non-affiliate question as perhaps we are joined to ours.”

We wish to show as briefly as possible, how greatly our companion has been led astray by an imperfect knowledge of our law. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California declares,—as do the ancient regulations,—that it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge. Therefore, a Mason who *wilfully*

neglects to connect himself with some Lodge, is derelict in duty, and for this dereliction he is punished by suspension. Ample time is given him—six months—to select the Lodge with which he may desire to affiliate, and if he applies for membership and is rejected, the very fact of making the application, places him in good standing for six months longer; all that is required of him is that he make an effort to comply with the law, and if that effort fails, he is not held responsible for the failure. Again: A brother may remain unaffiliated for all time if he pleases and still remain in good standing as a Mason, by simply paying to a Lodge an amount equivalent to its monthly dues during all the time he resides within its jurisdiction. The idea is, simply, that a Mason shall not shirk his duties to the Lodge, which is the foundation of all Masonry, and take refuge beneath the shadows of the Royal Arch. Thus, the remark of the Grand High Priest in his capacity as correspondent, that “under the California rule he is then suspended ‘constitutionally’ and *ipse facto*, he becomes suspended in his Chapter, no matter how worthy, no matter how deserving, no matter how valuable a member he may be, no matter *if the fault be not at his door*, yet up he goes without any trial or defense, no opportunity to show his blamelessness or the injury that a Lodge has inflicted upon him,” falls to the ground. Every opportunity is given him, under the law, to do his duty, and if he fails, it is through stubbornness or “pure cussedness,” and in either case he should pay the penalty. We think if the High Priest had taken the trouble to inform himself upon the laws of California, relative to non-affiliates, he would have spared us the necessity of this explanation.

The report is an excellent one, and we would gladly notice many good things in it did time and space permit. Nevertheless, we are opposed to the Indiana custom of requiring the Grand High Priest to write the Report on Correspondence. Give us a practiced reporter, and if he makes any wild assertions we know how to “go for him.”

There are ninety-seven subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 4,749.

The *M. E.* ROBERT VAN VALZAH was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRANWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Dubuque on the sixteenth day of October, 1883,—the *M. E.* AUGUSTUS C. SHERWOOD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN C. FARRISH acting as Grand Secretary. Sixty-four of the ninety-nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a well prepared Address, albeit local affairs form its principal burden. He alludes in feeling terms to the death of the late Grand Secretary, Comp. LANGRIDGE, and who among the multitude that knew and loved him, will not endorse every word of the following fraternal tribute to his memory?

“While the past year has not been numerically great in the list of mortality, yet one has fallen, who, for a quarter of a century, has been a pillar of wisdom and strength to our beloved Order, and his removal by death has made our Temple to tremble; the shock has been felt by all.

“On the fourth day of August last, the unwelcome message came to us, ‘LANGRIDGE is dead.’ How inexpressibly sad were those few words to us, and how were we reminded that many, many hearts would beat with ours a sad requiem for his untimely taking off, and it would be whispered from lip to lip, ‘LANGRIDGE is dead.’

“Who, I ask, is there in the ranks of the whole fraternity of this great jurisdiction, whose removal from among us would create so great a void, would be as severely felt by his associates and companions, so deeply lamented? You say, ‘No one.’ So say we all.

“This eminent and beloved companion was a splendid exemplification of a man. As it has been written, so would we repeat, ‘His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, *This is a man.*’

“His many successive years of service as Grand Secretary, his patient toil, his

obliging disposition, his kindness of heart, and courteous manner endeared him to the craft wherever known. His friends were—all who knew him; his enemies, none. His gifted pen leaves the annals of the Order glistening with brilliant effusions emanated from his fertile brain. But, alas! his hand is palsied by death, his tongue is dumb, that brain has found eternal rest.

"His death was untimely, and his brethren mourn."

"The funeral of our deceased companion was held on the seventh of August; accompanied by our R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, as your representatives, we were in attendance. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Blue Lodge ritual were used, M. E. Grand Master VAN SAUN, of the Grand Lodge, officiating—all being under the direction of *Hawkeye* Lodge, No. 30, of Muscatine, of which body our deceased frater was a faithful and beloved member. The attendance was very large, not only by sympathizing friends and neighbors of his city and county, but from various parts of the State. The Masonic fraternity of all grades, and brethren, companions, and Sir Knights of all ranks were there, to testify by their presence their esteem and affection, as well as great sorrow, for their departed friend and brother.

"Immediately after the funeral, I issued a memorial circular announcing the death of Comp. LANGRIDGE, which has been distributed to all the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, and to each State jurisdiction; also to others who have been and still are prominent in the Order.

"Much more can be said, and must be, of our beloved Grand Secretary, but time and space will not admit on this occasion. And in order that full justice may be done him, I have appointed a special committee, consisting of Past Grand High Priest, THEO. S. PARVIN, EDWARD A. GUILBERT, and HOMACE S. WINSLOW, to prepare a suitable memorial to present to this Grand Chapter, and recommend that it be made a part of the proceedings of this session."

Comp. LANGRIDGE was for many years the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and always manifested a warm interest in all that concerned the craft in California. In all his Reports on Correspondence his kindly feelings towards California are manifested. We had entertained the hope of meeting him at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in August last; but, alas! while his companions were on the eve of departure for the Pacific shore, Death summoned him to attend the Grand Conclave on high, where we confidently trust he was welcomed with the greeting: "Well done, good and faithful servant." With our companions of Iowa, we mourn his loss. "Take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again."

Six dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted.

We note the following decisions:—

"*Query 1st.* Has a Chapter authority to waive jurisdiction to permit a brother to take the R. A. degrees of a Chapter in another State?

"*Answer.* Only in this: The subordinate may waive jurisdiction over the brother, which extends only so far as to leave it in the hands of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest, who can complete it, they being the only power to waive jurisdiction between States.

"*Query 2d.* A companion having received the degrees of Royal Arch Mason, fails to sign the by-laws of his Chapter. Does this nullify his membership?

"*Answer.* No. The moment he becomes a Royal Arch Mason by conference of the ceremonies of the degree, that moment he becomes a member of the Chapter, and is from that date entitled to all the rights and privileges thereof, as well as liable for dues, and subject to discipline in case of any transgression of its laws, rules, etc. A Chapter cannot make non-affiliates."

The last answer is correct in principle, but there are those who will dispute it.

The report of the Grand High Priest upon the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter does not imply a very high respect for that illustrious body. He says:—

"The General Grand Chapter convened on the thirteenth day of August, at twelve o'clock a. m., in the beautiful Masonic Hall of Denver, and was opened without form by the Deputy General Grand High Priest, ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, and in such a loose, slipshod manner that very few of the western representatives could tell whether they were in a Masonic Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or not. I presume all present were Royal Arch Masons, but not one of the officers knew it, and probably never will.

"The address of welcome, by Grand High Priest R. W. WOODBURN, of Colorado, was a masterly production, convincing all who had the pleasure of hearing it that it had received careful attention and study. The response by Deputy Grand High Priest CHAPMAN was very appropriate and well received. The usual routine of business was done, and in the language of one of my predecessors, I can say that the legislation of the General Grand Chapter of 1883 was rather noteworthy for what was not done than for what was.

"The companions of Denver, and, in fact, of the entire State of Colorado, made every effort possible to entertain their visiting companions, and make pleasant their stay while among them. Excursions into the mountains through some of the grandest scenery on earth, carriage rides through their beautiful city, and a magnificent banquet were a few of the many kindly offerings."

Is it possible that the General Grand Chapter could be opened and proceed to labor without first ascertaining whether all present were Royal Arch Masons? We think our M. E. companion must be mistaken; we hope so, at least, for the credit of the craft.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1023 03.

The matter at issue between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, that committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter recognizes the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec as the only lawful and legitimate authority or power from which charters or warrants for such Lodges may be granted or issued, and we declare that in our judgment Mark Master Masons advanced in such Lodges so warranted or chartered should alone be recognized as having received the degree in a regular Lodge duly and lawfully assembled."

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. HORACE S. WINSLOW, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters in a careful and pleasing manner. He gives California a most kindly and fraternal notice, and quotes liberally from the Address of Comp. PETRIZ and from the report of the writer, to which he alludes in terms that are highly complimentary and call for our thanks, which are gratefully tendered.

Being pressed for both time and space, we are compelled to close our notice of this excellent report, hoping that Comp. WINSLOW may long live to wield the reportorial pen for Iowa.

There are one hundred and three subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 5,944.

The M. E. CLARK VARNUM was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOHN C. PARISH was elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Topeka on the twentieth day of February, 1883,—the M. E. GEORGE C. KENYON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Secretary. Forty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address the Grand High Priest draws the following glowing picture of the prosperity of his State:—

"The general prosperity of this, our beloved State, for the past year, is such as to draw forth some remarks on that subject. As a State, we have had the largest and best crop of cereals ever grown in any one year. This is especially true of our wheat and corn, which is largely in excess of former years, and of the very best quality. Our cattle, sheep and hogs are becoming quite a factor in our farming interests, the improvement in the grade, as well as the increase over other years, being so great as to call to our State and County Fairs some of the most noted herds of these animals from other States, which were fairly competed with, and beaten by those of our own State. Money, the great lever that moves every branch of business, has been abundant, and cheaper rates of interest have been obtained than at any other time of our State's history. All this means prosperity to all classes, and

the Royal Craft has had its full share, both in increased membership and increased treasures. For all these blessings we look up to the Giver of all things, and say : 'For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.'"

Long may this state of prosperity continue.

'He alludes in appropriate terms to the death of *M. E. Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWER*, and says of him : "He was the type of an honest man and a true Mason, with a heart full of genuine charity."

Five dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were issued during the year.

The following decisions were reported :—

"1. The youngest Past High Priest present can open and close a Chapter at any regular Convocation, in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe.

"2. That it is competent and lawful for a Chapter to contribute to the relief of one who is a Mason, though the person receiving aid may not have advanced beyond the third degree."

Charters were granted to the five Chapters under dispensation. That peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction is evidenced by the fact that the Committee on Grievances found nothing in the line of duty to occupy their attention. Very little legislation was had and that of local interest only.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the genial pen of the Grand Secretary, *Comp. JOHN H. BROWN*, and is fully up to his usual standard of excellence. He reviews the transactions of thirty-three Grand Chapters, including California for 1882. He quotes liberally and approvingly from the Address of *Comp. ORME* and from our report of that year.

We would gladly stay longer with Kansas, but time presses and we must on to the next.

There are forty-nine Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 2,196.

The *M. E. HENRY M. WATERS* was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E. JOHN H. BROWN* was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Louisville on the sixteenth day of October, 1883,—the *M. E. HOWARD R. FRENCH*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM* being Grand Secretary. Sixty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address the Grand High Priest says :—

"It would be useless for me, as it would be disingenuous, to attempt to disguise the fact that Capital Masonry is not in a flourishing condition in Kentucky. Much of this state of things may be traced to the fact that the tendency of the present day is towards the Orders of Knights Templar. The subordinate degrees are merely used as stepping stones to attain that height, which, once scaled, the ladder is thrust aside as if it had accomplished its full purpose. I think this is to be deeply regretted, and will finally result in severing the Chivalrous Orders and Ancient Craft Masonry."

Not alone Kentucky has cause to make this complaint.

Under the head of the "Cryptic Rite," he says :—

"Shortly after the close of the last session of the Grand Chapter, I addressed the following communication to the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters :—

"GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

"Office of Grand High Priest,

"Mt. STERLING, KY., Oct. 27, 1882. }

"W. LARUE THOMAS, Esq.,

"M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky :

"MY DEAR BROTHER—I am instructed by resolution of the Grand Chapter, at its recent session, to request you to convene, at an early day, the officers and members composing the last Grand Council, that I may formally resign into their hands juris-

diction of the Council degrees; a trust confided to the Grand Chapter by you and your associates in 1878. The reasons for this action are fully set forth in the preamble and resolutions reported to the Grand Chapter last year, with which you are already familiar.

"I hope to receive early notice of your action in the matter.

"Faithfully and Fraternally,

"H. R. FRENCH, *Grand High Priest.*

"In compliance with this request the Grand Council convened in the city of Louisville on the twenty-first day of November, 1882. I attended its session, and, as instructed by you, formally resigned jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Master. Whereupon the Grand Council adopted the following preamble and resolutions:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Council—having exclusive jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Kentucky, and the inalienable right, within said State, to constitute Councils, commission any body of men, being also Royal and Select Masters, to convene Councils and confer said degrees—and to revoke such authority.

"In the exercise of its rights, prerogatives and supreme authority, this Grand Council did, on October 23d, 1878, authorize and empower the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky to supervise the conference of said degrees, by its subordinates, in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, whose records, etc., were to be kept separate and distinct from those of the Chapters.

"The Grand R. A. Chapter, through its presiding officer, now, in conformity with instructions it gave him, having formally tendered back the trust confided to it, with the jurisdiction and supervision over property and interest in said degrees of Royal and Select Masters; therefore,

"1. *Resolved*, That the proposed surrender of the trust, jurisdiction, supervision, property, and interest aforesaid, now made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, be received and accepted, and the authority heretofore granted said Grand Chapter and its subordinates, hereinbefore referred to, be hereby annulled, cancelled, and no longer in force.

"2. *Resolved*, That all Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Kentucky be requested hereby to resume labor, and are required to report without delay to the Grand Recorder a full and complete list of their officers and members, and annually, in October, to make returns, etc., according to the laws of this Grand Council and the instructions of its Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

"3. *Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended that until February 1st, 1883, subordinate Councils may confer the degrees upon Companions who have, prior to this date, been elected by Chapters in Kentucky to receive them, for a sum not less than one dollar. *Provided*, such companions petition and are regularly elected as in other cases.

"The Councils of Royal and Select Masters under supervision of Chapters having been dissolved by action of the Grand Chapter and this Grand Council,

"Resolved, That Royal and Select Masters made in such Councils are hereby declared to be non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters."

"So soon as this action was taken by the Grand Council, I issued the following proclamation to the subordinate Chapters:—

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, }

"Mt. STERLING, November 25, 1882."

"To the Most Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of Kentucky:—

"COMPANIONS—Notice is hereby given that the Grand Council of Kentucky has resumed jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

"You will therefore refrain from conferring or communicating the said degrees, and hold all paraphernalia, books, papers, and property which have been placed to your hands by subordinate Councils, subject to the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

"The Grand Council by resolution declared the status of members of subordinate Chapters who received the Council degrees while the same were under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to be that of non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters. I earnestly urge all such to immediately affiliate with the nearest subordinate Council, and I exhort them and the subordinate Chapters to do all in their power to strengthen and maintain the subordinate Councils, and preserve the beautiful Cryptic Rite.

"Witness my hand and seal of the Grand Chapter, this 25th day of November, 1882.

"H. R. FRENCH,

"Grand High Priest.

"Attest:

"JOSEPH H. BRANHAM, *Grand Secretary.*"

"It is too late now to discuss either the principle or policy of this assumption of jurisdiction by this Grand Chapter and its subsequent relinquishment.

"I may be permitted, however, to say that this Grand Chapter did not solicit the exercise of these rights, or seek to coerce her saucy offspring of somewhat doubtful paternity; and while I am not 'a prophet, or the son of a prophet,' I lift the veil of a not distant future, and say to the wanderers, 'Come, ye disconsolate, where't ye languish,' come to the bosom of your old mother, and find shelter in her arms, feeble and attenuated though they may be. The paps which ye have sucked contain still the only milk to nourish and sustain you."

We note the following decisions:—

"1. The High Priest has the power to *summons* members of his Chapter to attend a special meeting.

"2. A Chapter has the right to reduce the fees of the Guard, to take effect during the term of the then incumbent.

"3. A lawful quorum at the annual election of officers is *nine members* of the Chapter.

"4. An officer of a Chapter cannot *dimit* during his term of office.

"The Secretary has no power to grant a dimit, even if the member 'is clear of the books.' Application must be made to the Chapter at a regular meeting."

Kentucky has done right, and we are pleased to see this old jurisdiction repudiate the "Mississippi plan."

The Grand Treasurer reports the total resources of the Grand Chapter to be \$3,888 09.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. HIRAM BASSETT, who, in his preliminary remarks, says:—

"The 'merger' question seems to be about settled by the *un*-merging of most Grand Chapters which, like ours, had adopted the 'Mississippi plan'; and, as it appears to be the prevailing, or at least the preponderating, sentiment to let Texas 'severely alone' while she chooses to stand outside the family mansion and indulge a pout in the chimney corner, there would be, but for the 'suspension for non-payment of dues' question, little left to ginger and prod the members of the reportorial guild. They would be left to enjoy alone the saccharine pastime of mutual admiration, which, it is feared, would become monotonous even to them, as it most assuredly would prove a positive infliction to their readers.

"So, the N. P. D. question may be considered, in some respects, a 'blessing in disguise,' even though the metamorphosis be well nigh impenetrable."

He makes copious quotations from our last Report and alludes to it in terms complimentary, for which our thanks are due. He says:—

"Comp. CASWELL, the Grand Secretary, gives another *live* Report on Correspondence, which, being opposed to profanity in all its forms, we do not propose to 'd-n with faint praise.

"We make such extracts as our space permits, and from them its character and merit can be better inferred than we could portray them."

The Report is a thoroughly good one, and we regret that we cannot review it more carefully, but time presses and we must close.

The M. E. R. M. FAIRBANKS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans on the thirteenth day of February, 1893, — the M. E. ANDREW HERO, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief and contains nothing of interest to the general reader. He reports that peace and harmony prevail, and that their relations with sister Grand Bodies continue to be fraught with good will and brotherly love.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in his hands of \$524 94.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:—

"Any member of a Chapter indebted for two years' dues or assessments (or more), or, if a life member, for assessments, may be summoned by the Chapter, in writing (stating the amount due), and directed to pay the said amount within three months, or to show, in person or in writing, satisfactory cause why the same has not been done. After the expiration of the said three months, should he fail to appear or satisfactorily respond, then, at a stated meeting of the Chapter, on proof being made of the said indebtedness and failure to comply with the order of the Chapter, he may be suspended from all his rights and privileges, by a two-thirds vote of the members present: *provided*, that any Mason suspended under the above provision, having paid to the Chapter the full amount due at the time of his suspension, and making application in writing for reinstatement, may be reinstated in his membership and rights by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting."

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had been presented for their consideration.

The Committee on Correspondence, through their Chairman, Comp. JOSEPH P. HONOR, made the following report, and, while we regret that Louisiana will only report biennially, we must feel content with the assurance that "half a loaf is better than no bread." Comp. HONOR says:—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received, as usual, copies of the proceedings of our several sister Grand Chapters, but have determined to postpone a review of the same until next year.

"Our first consideration, in determining upon this course, is the condition of our treasury, which can better support the expense of a biennial rather than an annual report; and the second, the belief that a biennial review will accomplish the desired result.

"While we are convinced that reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters are greatly conducive to the good of this Grand Chapter, and to that of the Order generally, in creating emulation, maintaining and fostering fraternal relations, and in promoting harmony and uniformity of work and legislation, still the reports of the various Committees on Correspondence are not so widely read and studied as some companions imagine, and in many instances are perused only by the reviewers themselves, and written principally to that end. In illustration of our meaning, we not having made a report for some years prior to ours of last year, since the appearance of that, have had the curiosity to ask many members of this Grand Chapter whether they had read it, and we have failed to find three among all your members who would plead guilty to the 'soft impeachment.'

"Taking all things into consideration, therefore, your committee feel fully justified in the adoption of their determination to hereafter present a review every second year, unless matters of urgency should arise."

There are twenty-three subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 800.

The M. E. JAMES LOUISE LODDELL was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JAMES C. BACHELOR, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland on the first day of May, 1883,—the M. E. JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. STEPHEN BERRY acting as Grand Secretary. The venerable Grand Secretary, Comp. IMA BERRY, having by an unfortunate accident fractured a leg, was unable to occupy his accustomed place in the Grand Chapter, much to the regret of his companions. Forty of the forty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is admirably prepared and contains much that is interesting to the Royal Craft. He announces the demise, during the year, of two members of the Grand Chapter: the R. E. Comp. SAMUEL K. GILMAN, Past Grand King, and the E. Comp. ROTHEUS E. PAYNE, Grand Royal Arch Captain. The first of these lamented companions had reached the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. The Grand High Priest says:—

"Comp. GILMAN was born in Exeter, N. H., May 2, 1796; he served in the war of 1812; from 1818 to 1824 was editor and proprietor of the *American Advocate*; was Collector of Customs at Castine in 1827; was admitted to the bar in 1832; was four

years a member of the Maine Legislature, and nineteen years Municipal Judge. He has departed this life full of years and honors, respected and beloved by all who knew him."

No dispensation for the formation of new Chapters was granted, but several special dispensations for various purposes were issued, one being for a Chapter to join with a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in celebrating "Memorial Day." The Grand High Priest was in doubt as to the propriety of granting this dispensation, and wrote a letter denying the request, but upon reflection—the Grand Lodge having established a precedent by granting a similar request—he relented and gave the coveted permission. As a rule we are opposed to Masons appearing in public, as such, except upon purely Masonic occasions, but upon an occasion like this, intended to do honor to the memory of the dead, many of the bravest and best of whom were Masons, we are inclined to look with favor upon Masonic participation in these memorial observances.

Having been requested to grant a dispensation to allow a subordinate Chapter to hold its meetings in a town other than that in which it was originally located, for a period of three years, the Grand High Priest says :—

"I am opposed to the frequent change of location of Masonic bodies. A Chapter should not be a body on trucks, to be carted around the County or State. A change should only be made when circumstances imperatively demand it. An applicant for the degrees should not be led to think that he is conferring a favor upon us when he sends in his application, but that a great boon is bestowed upon him when his request is granted. A change of location may create an undue desire to confer all the degrees possible—as I fear has already occurred in one instance—and thus unworthy members the more easily obtain entrance. Companions, do not relax your vigilance, but carefully protect the purity and secrecy of the ballot-box."

We note the following decisions :—

"A Mason must be a member of a Lodge in order to give the Chapter jurisdiction; hence, if the Committee of Inquiry find that the applicant is not a member of a Lodge (although he supposed he was, and so represented in his application), they must report that fact to the Chapter, and the application be returned without a ballot.

"June 12, 1882, I wrote to *Atlantic Chapter*, at Vinalhaven, in reply to a letter of inquiry, as follows :—

"There is a strong feeling in the Order against the *Chapter turning out in procession with their robes and Chapter clothing on*. There can be no objection against their appearing in public with simply jewels and aprons."

We are not surprised that a "strong feeling" should exist against such a proposition. A Royal Arch Chapter, in full working costume, upon the public streets, we think, would create a sensation equal to that caused by a full fledged circus, or a first-class menagerie. The High Priest in his robes, mitre, breast-plate and sceptre, would discount Jumbo; and the King and Scribe, with crown, turban and gorgeous apparel, would cause the woman with the big snakes to turn green with envy.

"Question was asked: 'Can we sub-let our hall to Odd Fellows?'

"Answer:—The Grand Chapter has not passed any law forbidding Chapters leasing their halls, as has been done in the Grand Lodge. But the last year the Grand Lodge extended the permission under certain limitations."

"Personally, I am opposed to Lodges or Chapters sub-letting their halls. That which has been dedicated to *Masonry, virtue and universal benevolence*, ought not to be made public. The result will be pernicious.

"Any hearing before a Chapter, affecting the standing of a companion, is a trial, and the notice to him should be under the seal of the Chapter."

We fully concur in the following remarks :—

"The strength of an organization does not depend simply upon the number of its members, but upon the knowledge possessed by them of the fundamental principles upon which it rests, and the rules and regulations under which those principles should be inculcated, the interest and zeal in the welfare of the institution created by that knowledge, and the influence intuitively exerted upon our friends and acquaintances through that interest and zeal,

"Every true Mason should feel a deep interest in the Order; this interest will grow stronger and stronger, and exert its influence farther and farther, the more familiar he becomes with its principles and teachings, its landmarks, rules and regulations. Let us, then, as men and Masons, do our duty."

The reports of the several visiting Grand Officers show a gratifying condition of the Craft in that jurisdiction, and evidence a degree of zeal, interest, and enthusiasm truly commendable.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$763 94 in the general fund. They have also a charity fund invested of \$4,302, the dividends and interest from which amounted to \$316 52, which added to the amount on hand last year gives a total of \$591 21. Appropriations for charity were made to the amount of \$200, leaving a balance available for relief of the distressed of \$391 21.

The Grand Secretary makes a more than usually lengthy report this year, and we give it in full, as follows:—

"To the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Maine:—

"I have to report the performance of the ordinary duties pertaining to the office of Secretary, and to present the records for examination.

"I remember that years ago, M. E. Comp. BURBANK, in installing me, remarked that having served for twenty-one years, I should be regarded as 'out of my time'—come to 'years of discretion'—and it was to be hoped that such errors and indiscretions as I might have been led into through inexperience would be avoided in future.

"I am sorry to have profited so little by his admonition—having been so indiscreet the past winter as to expose myself to a fall, by which a leg was broken, and I rendered a cripple for some months—as yet I know not how many. Still, I am not the less sensible of his kindness, and attribute no blame whatever to him for the mishap.

"Respectfully submitted,

"IRA BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*"

Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND offered the following, which was adopted as a standing regulation:—

"Resolved, That no Royal Arch Mason shall sell, offer for sale, buy, or aid in circulating any printed document or cipher, as a ritual of Royal Arch Masonry. Any one so offending shall be liable to discipline, and may be expelled.

"All Royal Arch Masons are strictly enjoined to bring to the notice of their Chapter all violations of this regulation which may come to their knowledge for the action of such Chapter."

Comp. DRUMMOND also prepared the Report on Correspondence, to praise which would be like an attempt to "paint the lily or gild refined gold." It is simply perfect, and we wish every Royal Arch Mason in the General Grand Jurisdiction could read it in full and profit thereby. We do not always agree with Comp. DRUMMOND in his conclusions, but we admire him as a sound, conscientious Masonic writer and jurist, and a Report on Correspondence from him is a treat that we appreciate, and we mean it.

In his review of California for 1883, he quotes the remarks of Comp. PETRIE relative to the "phenomenal increase of our numbers," and comments as follows:—

"Whether this 'phenomenal increase' has been of good material throughout we fear is doubtful. Men who come into our institution for the sake of participating in a public demonstration have but little of the spirit which makes good Masons; at the same time 'it is true that men who make good Masons will hurry their advancement to be able to participate in events that happen once in a lifetime.'"

As a general rule Comp. DRUMMOND is correct, but it must be remembered that these applicants had all passed the ordeal of the Master Mason's degree. They had been "well recommended" and came "under the tongue of good report" to our doors. It is true they came in flocks, and the prospective "Triennial" of the Knights Templar may have induced many to hurry their applications, but, so far as our observation extends, no unworthy material has yet been admitted to our sanctuaries.

He quotes the decision of Comp. PETRIE relative to a non-affiliated and non-contributing Mason, and says:—

"We are surprised to find that no notice was taken of this and two other decisions. The other two are unquestionably correct; but we cannot believe that this one is justified by the law of the Grand Chapter. We cannot believe that an unaffiliated Mason who does not pay dues in a Lodge, becomes suspended from all his Masonic rights, without notice, without trial, and by mere operation of law! In fact, it would seem from this decision that if a High Priest *supposes* that a member of his Chapter is not a member of a Lodge, and does not pay dues to a Lodge, it is his duty to declare such Mason to be suspended from all his rights as a Royal Arch Mason!"

Not at all, Comp. DRUMMOND; there must be no *supposition* in the matter, but certain evidence of the fact that the companion has not complied with the law of this jurisdiction; which we have stated so often that we supposed all our correspondents were perfectly familiar with it. An unaffiliated Mason may remain in good standing in California for six months. When that time expires, if he does not *make an attempt to affiliate*, or contribute to some Lodge an equivalent for its monthly dues, he is, by law, declared suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and the decision of the Grand High Priest which excited your "surprise," was so plainly in accordance with the law that the committee did not deem it necessary to notice it.

He further says:—

"The Report on Correspondence (104 pp.) was presented, as usual, by Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL.

"In his review of Connecticut he declares that he does not believe that Connecticut or Massachusetts has the right to enact laws for the government of Masons in California, but goes on to claim, in effect, that the Grand Lodge of California has the right to fix the *status* of Masons in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and, moreover, in direct conflict with the law in those jurisdictions! And, moreover *again*, that the Grand Lodge of California has actually done it! 'Here is richness.'

"But this should not surprise us after the announcement of the decision we have quoted, and its apparent silent endorsement by the Grand Chapter.

"Comp. C. illustrates his ideas by assuming that striking from the roll is the infliction of a penalty; and also by supposing a case in which the principle is that if a reprimand is inflicted in one jurisdiction for the same offense for which expulsion is inflicted in another jurisdiction, in California they would go behind the record and hold that the reprimand must be deemed an expulsion, so that they should show no partiality, but be able to treat both cases in the same manner.

"The fact is that Comp. CASWELL, and those of his school, finding that in some jurisdictions non-payment of dues is not punished as an offense, or is punished less severely than they deem necessary, are attempting to destroy the sovereignty of the Grand Bodies, and overturn the principles which lie at the foundation of Masonic government. 'Hard cases are the quicksands of the law,' because judges are tempted to stretch the law to do what seems to them to be justice in that particular case. Comp. C. sees the evil of non-payment of dues so strongly that he loses sight of the important principle which his position seeks to overturn. We will illustrate: In Maine, and several other States, the selling of intoxicating liquors is a Masonic offense; now, suppose the Grand Lodge of Maine should declare (as he says the Grand Lodge of California *has done* in relation to Masons struck from the rolls) that a Mason engaged in the liquor traffic in California is not in good standing, either 'in his own jurisdiction' or elsewhere, would not Comp. C. say that our Grand Lodge was 'spreading itself' rather promiscuously?"

With all respect to Comp. DRUMMOND, we must say that the arguments here presented partake largely of sophistry. There is nothing in our remarks that could possibly justify the statement that California claimed the right to fix the *status* of Masons in Massachusetts or Connecticut; we do claim, however, that we have the right to fix the *status* of Masons in California, 'and, moreover *again*, that the Grand Lodge of California has actually done it!' 'Richness!' why it is a perfect bonanza. If in Maine the selling of liquor is a Masonic offense, and a Mason from California should emigrate there (scarcely a supposable case) and engage in that business, would California complain if he was disciplined for infraction of the law? Certainly not; his "status is fixed by the law of his own jurisdiction," and while by the regulations of California the liquor-seller is not tabooed by the law and here he would be in good standing, yet if his mind was so far thrown from its balance as to prompt him to remove from California to Maine, and he should there render himself obnoxious to regulations, no fault would be found if he was made to pay the penalty of his

We quoted in our last report the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in regard to those suspended for non-payment of dues, which was similar to the Maine regulation. In this connection Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"We were not before aware that such is the law of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. But we quote this for the purpose of calling Comp. O's attention to an error into which he has fallen, and in which he persistently remains, although we have corrected it. It is the idea conveyed by the words, '*outside his particular Lodge.*' Comp. C. has rung the changes upon this: that a Lodge sends a member out who is good enough for other Lodges but not good enough to enter his own Lodge; but the fact is that he stands in the same relation to his own Lodge as to other Lodges. He has the same right to visit his own Lodge as any other, and can be prevented from visiting the one in the same way in which he can be prevented from visiting the other; and he can join no Lodge without payment or remission of his dues. Comp. C's sentence above quoted, commencing with '*In other words,*' is utterly erroneous."

Let us consider a moment and see how far the statement is erroneous. The brother who, in Maine, is suspended from membership, is simply tolerated in his own Lodge as he is in others; but he has no rights there; the mark of Cain is upon him; he is, in fact, a Masonic pariah, whose Masonic existence is permitted under protest, yet, "*outside his particular Lodge,*" he is as good as the best; he has committed a Masonic offense, and is punished by suspension from membership; he has no right to raise his voice or cast his vote in his own Lodge, yet in other Lodges he is received without question as a Mason in good standing. We cannot see wherein our statement is erroneous.

Bro. DRUMMOND further quotes our remarks under the head of Louisiana, wherein we stated that the agreement to pay dues was a contract, etc., and says:—

"Here we have the square statement that the payment of dues is a matter of contract; and this is precisely our doctrine, and that upon which the law in Maine, Massachusetts, Iowa, etc., is based. Now, if a man (Mason or not) sells a Mason food to keep his family from starving, and if that Mason can pay and won't pay, and the man goes to such Mason's Lodge with his complaint, what does the Lodge tell him? With a benignant smile, it says, '*Masonry never interferes in mere matters of contract; the Lodge cannot be used as a machine to collect debts.*' The man says, '*I trusted him because he was a Mason; and now he can pay and won't pay, and it seems to me that you should not keep him among you, even if you cannot make him pay me.*' The answer is, '*Oh, no, it is a mere breach of contract, and is not a Masonic offense.*' Soon the same Mason fails to pay his dues; charges are filed, and he comes before the Lodge and says, '*This is a matter of contract, and therefore is not a Masonic offense.*' The Lodge replies, '*Oh, it makes a difference whose ox is gored. That rule applies to individuals; but when a Mason fails to keep his contract with the Lodge, it is one of the greatest Masonic offenses, and we summarily deprive the offender of all his Masonic rights.*' In the States named, however, the Lodge puts itself on an equality with others, and applies the same doctrine to itself which it applies to them. It says to the man, '*Inasmuch as you fail to perform your part of the contract, it is from henceforth rescinded; we shall have no claim on you for future dues, and you will have no claim on the Lodge for any of the rights and benefits arising out of Lodge membership.*'"

Between the non-fulfillment of a mere business contract, where no moral turpitude is involved, and a Mason's obligation to his Lodge, there is no parallel, and when a brother makes this contract with his Lodge, it is not merely for the privilege of *Lodge membership* that he stipulates, but for all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and when he fails to perform his part of the contract—being able to do so—he voluntarily forfeits all those rights and privileges. Comp. DRUMMOND must be sorely pushed for an argument when he is compelled to resort to one so palpably untenable as the above. Again he says:—

"In his review of Maine, and referring to Grand High Priest LOCKE's Address, he says:—

"Here follows a sentence which expresses our sentiments, first, last, and all the time; and coming from Maine, it has more than ordinary force and significance. We especially commend it to the attention of Comps. BROWN, of Kansas, and HOBORN, of Louisiana.

"Several Chapters, finding unfaithful Craftsmen, who, though able, were unwilling to bear their shares of the burdens, have suspended them during the year

required in most Chapters, *he is unworthy, and the sooner he is out of the body the better*; if he is unable, his dues should be *fully and cheerfully remitted*."

"This is the doctrine we have been preaching for years, and from no quarter have we encountered such determined opposition as from Maine. The indorsement of our views by the head of the Order in that jurisdiction is, therefore, more than gratifying—it is absolutely exhilarating. The conversion of a great majority of our contemporaries is only a question of time. One by one, as the question is more fully discussed, they fall into line and agree with us, that a Mason who, being able, will not bear his share of the burdens and responsibilities inseparable from that connection, is a Mason only in name, and unworthy of Masonic consideration."

"We fear he misunderstood Comp. LOCKE; the 'suspension' was from membership: as for the rest, we have often said that if, in proceedings for non-payment of dues, it should be required to be alleged and proved that the delinquent refuses to pay, being of sufficient ability, we would favor suspension from all Masonic rights of those who should persist; but we would be consistent, and make the law universal."

That is just what we are striving to do, Comp. DRUMMOND: to make the law universal, that, when a Mason is able to pay his dues and refuses to do so, he shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. The words of Comp. LOCKE express our ideas exactly: "*If a companion is able and will not pay the small assessment required in most Chapters, he is unworthy, and the sooner he is out of the body the better; if he is unable, his dues should be fully and cheerfully remitted.*"

Comp. DRUMMOND again "goes for us" as follows:—

"He claims that our statements that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine gives the Grand Master power to suspend a Mason from his Masonic rights, but that it was never contemplated that this power should be exercised without trial or notice, are contradictory, and adds:—

"But Comp. DRUMMOND, with a benignant smile, informs us that Grand Masters in Maine and Massachusetts have been invested with that power from time immemorial. Now he says, in effect, that the Grand Master has no such power. How are we to reconcile these two statements? Oh, consistency! what gem of Golconda beams with such undimmed refulgence?"

"This is very strange to us; for the necessity of notice and trial, before a man is deprived of rights, is so thoroughly inherent in our law, that one never would have dreamed that it is necessary to mention it specifically; one would never dream of exercising such a power unless given in the plainest terms. Are we to understand Comp. CARWELL, that he does not oppose the exercise of the power of suspension by a Grand Master, when it is preceded by notice and hearing? If so, our whole difference is on the meaning of words, and not in relation to the principle involved; and we beg to assure him that if the provision in the Oregon Constitution, or in that of Maine or Massachusetts, was intended to give the Grand Officer the power to suspend without notice and hearing, we should resist it to the uttermost; for it is difficult for us to be reconciled to the exercise of this power by the Grand Body (for example, the TUNIS case); but we beg also to assure him that the provision in question was never so understood in these jurisdictions in which it has existed so long, and we at first did not suppose him to be in earnest when he gave it that construction."

We can only say that the Constitutions of Maine, Massachusetts and Oregon give their Grand Masters and Grand High Priests the unrestricted power to suspend at will, or we cannot read the English language correctly.

He gives us a parting shot as follows:—

"But we must stop. We find, however, we have omitted one matter, which we intended to notice. In the extract from his review of Iowa, he speaks of 'Masonic frauds and leeches'; now, among all the impostors of which we have seen a notice, not one was from Maine; and if Comp. CARWELL can give us a single case in which a Maine Mason, deprived of or suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, has applied for Masonic aid, we would be glad to have him do so, as we never knew of such a case, and we believe that this wholesale indictment of Maine and Massachusetts has no foundation, save in our good companion's imagination."

We have no time at present to hunt up the record, but we have a strong presentiment that the records of our Board of Relief will show more than one such case. *Nous verrons.*

In closing Comp. DRUMMOND intimates that a jesting remark of ours was intended as a sneer. We desire to assure our esteemed companion that nothing was farther

from our thoughts. While we may good humoredly jest over some of our differences of opinion, we have too profound a respect for Comp. DRUMMOND to "sneer" at anything he may say or write.

We leave this admirable report with great regret, as there is very much in it we would gladly notice; but we have lingered with Maine already too long, and must stop here.

We extract, as usual, Comp. DRUMMOND's valuable table of statistics:—

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,	733	38	14	19	0	0	23	11
Arkansas,	1,240	101	25	24	0	0	35	26
California,	3,552	496	105	112	1	0	32	64
Canada,	3,435	202	27	98	1	0	*125	38
Colorado,	642	118	27	16	0	0	14	3
Connecticut,	4,027	185	19	16	1	1	38	63
Delaware,	343	25	2	3	1	0	8	1
District of Columbia,	1,121	84	27	26	0	0	44	15
Florida,	191	17	0	5	0	0	0	0
Georgia,	883	56	18	36	0	0	*33	17
Illinois,	11,260	1,264	292	370	13	0	*201	119
Indiana,	4,551	474	54	135	3	4	104	57
Iowa,	5,413	730	154	201	2	0	*99	37
Kansas,	2,196	371	76	85	1	0	*17	20
Kentucky,	2,514	141	29	100	0	0	*83	35
Louisiana,	800	25	12	10	1	3	21	24
Maine,	4,107	224	35	61	1	0	80	50
Maryland,	1,132	67	10	26	0	0	*10	22
Massachusetts,	9,196	514	0	116	0	291	20	105
Michigan,	7,625	611	93	228	3	4	107	81
Minnesota,	2,228	336	43	93	2	5	21	28
Mississippi,	1,391	70	21	31	0	4	59	14
Missouri,	4,600	526	97	141	0	3	75	44
Nebraska,	1,047	107	53	26	0	0	*9	10
Nevada, †	412	29	15	27	0	0	5	5
New Hampshire,	2,279	105	146	35	0	0	23	29
New Jersey,	2,355	157	35	57	1	12	51	24
New York,	15,159	949	239	297	3	0	582	206
North Carolina,	826	13	2	3	2	0	*7	7
Nova Scotia,	455	23	10	10	0	0	0	3
Ohio,	9,507	999	272	246	8	0	*255	126
Oregon,	651	75	16	15	1	0	11	10
Pennsylvania,	10,044	493	32	132	3	0	*223	119
Quebec,	431	31	12	19	0	0	4	8
Rhode Island, †	1,634	26	0	0	0	0	0	1
South Carolina,	369	13	0	7	0	1	8	2
Tennessee,	2,378	92	29	33	1	12	*32	25
Texas,	3,406	268	82	121	5	0	*72	62
Vermont,	1,977	62	8	16	0	0	*7	22
Virginia,	1,791	61	20	37	0	0	*21	15
West Virginia,	482	30	13	16	0	0	16	6
Wisconsin,	3,420	274	25	73	1	0	*30	32
General Grand Chapter,	934	81	23	20	0	0	*17	8
	132,737	10,557	2,202	3142	55	340	2625	1594

There are forty-four subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 4,107.

The M. E. FRANK E. SLEEPER was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The eighty-sixth (?) Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Baltimore on the thirteenth day of November, 1883,—the M. E. CHARLES V. S. LEVY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN being Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to local affairs. He pays an eloquent tribute to the memory of two companions who died during his term. Among his official acts was the appointment of M. E. Comp. JACOB HART NEFF as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland near the Grand Chapter of California.

His report of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter is brief and comprehensive. He says:—

“The twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter was held in the city of Denver, Colorado, August 13th, 1883. I had the pleasure of attending it as your representative. The Deputy Grand High Priest also attended. The proxy of the Grand King was Comp. C. C. ISAACS, Grand Captain of the Host; and of the Grand Scribe, Comp. JOHN A. LYNCH, Past High Priest of Enoch Chapter, No. 23. There were also present Past Grand High Priests GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, JOHN S. TYSON, and FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS. There was no legislation whatever, and merely routine business was transacted. Comp. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, of Massachusetts, was elected General Grand High Priest; Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, of the District of Columbia, Deputy General Grand High Priest; Comp. DAVID F. DAY, of New York, General Grand King, and Comp. JOSEPH P. HONOR, of Louisiana, General Grand Scribe. The General Grand Treasurer and General Grand Secretary were re-elected, and Washington, D. C., selected as the place in which the next Triennial Convocation will be held. The total number of Royal Arch Masons in the United States, under the various Grand Chapters, is 124,887, and the members of subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, number 934.”

Of the condition of the Craft, he reports:—

“Capitular Masonry in this State is pursuing the even tenor of its way. The Chapters have all been working, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction.”

In the matter at issue between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, he recommends that no immediate action be taken, although he admits that it must soon become a proper subject for action on the part of all the Grand Chapters of the United States.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$624 58.

No legislation of general interest was had. The committee to whom the Address of the Grand High Priest was referred, in reference to the Quebec matter, say:—

“The matter of invasion of Masonic jurisdiction or trespass of one Masonic body upon the prerogatives of another in its own limits is a subject of the gravest importance to the preservation of Masonic peace and fraternal relations, and as such is always one which should be dealt with in an impartial and delicate manner. Your committee are decided in their opinions on this subject, but do not deem it consistent with Masonic justice to pronounce a judgment on a case as yet only partially heard. Your committee fear the Grand Z. of Quebec has manifested in this case more of the *fortiter in re* than of the *suaviter in modo*, and they believe and hope that he could have accomplished his object more satisfactorily to himself and better for the interest of his jurisdiction had he shown more patience.”

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. E. T. SCHULTZ, who in his usual thorough manner reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters.

He says of the decision of Comp. PATRICK relative to non-affiliates:—

"This is in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of California, but we regard them very unjust laws.

"This *progressive* legislation upon the subject of non-affiliation is but the natural outgrowth of the modern notions entertained in reference to non-payment of dues. Within the past few years all sorts of legislation has been enacted to meet the advanced views of companions upon the subject. We find one jurisdiction declaring that an unaffiliate, voluntary or otherwise, in the Lodge cannot hold membership in the Chapter longer than six months. To meet the case of one who applies for admission to a Lodge and is rejected, a regulation is provided that gives him a respite for six months; if he then applies and is again rejected he has another six months respite, and so on. Therefore all that one has to do in order to retain membership in the Chapter and not in the Lodge is to have a *friendly* brother quietly deposit a black ball every six months.

"Another jurisdiction gives a companion twelve months in which to affiliate in the Lodge; failing to do so in the time specified, off goes his head in the Chapter.

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa at its late session, we are gratified to see, defined the effect of suspension for non-payment of dues to be simply 'denial of all privileges in the Lodge,' but the Grand Chapter of the same State declared that suspension for any cause is suspension from *all* rights, hence we have this anomaly: a companion in arrears for dues to the Lodge is simply deprived of Lodge privileges; he is *not* in arrears for dues in the Chapter, but he is nevertheless deprived of *all* the rights of Royal Arch Masonry.

"Another jurisdiction suspends temporarily for six months; if within that period the brother pays his arrearages, he is restored without any formality whatever; failing to pay at the expiration of that time, he is declared suspended from *all* rights, benefits, and privileges of Masonry, not only in the Lodge but also in the Chapter and Commandery, notwithstanding he may be clear of all charges for dues in the two last mentioned bodies, and perchance be a *life member*, having paid the stipulated sum which exempts from further payment of dues.

"We boast that Masonry is a universal fraternity, the same the world over, governed by the same laws, rules, and regulations; do these divergent regulations look like it?

"We boast also, or at least it *used* to be our boast, that it is a voluntary association; one enters the Lodge of his own free will and accord, and can leave it of his own free will and accord. Upon payment of his dues, if no charges are pending, mark the words, if no charges are pending, a brother is entitled to a *dimit*, which *dimit* certifies, at least it *used* to certify, that the brother is a *Mason in good standing*, and having paid his dues, permission is given him to withdraw his *membership* in the particular Lodge or Chapter. By what right or justice then does a Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter declare such a one deprived of *all* the rights of Masonry."

We agreed to bury that "old crow" some years ago, Comp. SCHULTZ, and we for one do not propose to resurrect it. All we desire to say upon the subject will be found under the head of Maine.

Of our report he says:—

"Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL presented an able Report on Correspondence of one hundred and three closely written pages. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, Maryland for 1892 among the number.

"Under various reviews he still persists in his unbelief in the prerogative powers of Grand High Priests and Grand Masters; thinks they possess no powers or prerogatives not delegated to them by their respective Grand Bodies."

After quoting some remarks of ours upon the subject, he says:—

"There are a few who agree with these very progressive views of Comp. CASWELL so far as regards the powers and prerogatives of Grand High Priests, but there are few or none who will agree with him that Grand Masters are solely the creatures of the Grand Lodge, and are restricted in their powers to constitutional enactments. To show the fallacy of this view, suppose a Grand Master sets aside a constitutional enactment, or, if you please, over-rides the whole constitution, what can you do about it? Before what tribunal will you bring him to trial?"

We fear Comp. SCHULTZ does not read carefully the Reports on Correspondence of other Grand Bodies; if he did, he would find that several able writers coincide with our "progressive views," as he is pleased to term them. He asks, before what tribunal would you bring a Grand Master to trial? Why before the Grand Lodge, of course, the body which created him, and whose servant he is. The autocracy of Grand Masters is an obsolete idea.

Being pressed for time, we are obliged to omit much that we would gladly notice in this very interesting report.

There are twelve subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,122.

The *M. E.* GEORGE W. SHIEVE was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* GEORGE L. McCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The usual Quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held at the appointed times, but no business of general interest was transacted, except at the Quarterly Convocation held on the twelfth day of June, 1883, when the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, in feeling terms, announced the death of the Grand King, *R. E.* Comp. HOWARD FRANKLIN ROWE. He then called upon *R. E.* Comp. CALLE RAND, who delivered an eloquent eulogy—in *memoriam*—upon the life and character of the deceased.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Boston on the eleventh day of December, 1883,—the *M. E.* ALBERT C. SMITH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ZEPH. H. THOMAS being Grand Secretary. Fifty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

After opening the Grand Chapter, the *M. E.* Grand High Priest in a few words welcomed the large assemblage, and informed the companions that the day would be spent in the exemplification of the work of the several degrees in Royal Arch Masonry, and rehearsal of the lectures connected therewith. The Grand Captain of the Host, by order of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, then retired to the ante-room, and, returning, conducted the Grand Lecturer and his assistants to the East, where they were received by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, and invited to take their positions and proceed with their duties. The Grand Officers then retired from their stations, and the work was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants, and so well was the work done that the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered those companions by unanimous vote.

At the evening session the *M. E.* Grand High Priest stated:—

"Since the last Convocation there had been an election in the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that Massachusetts had been honored by the choice of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter to fill the highest office in the gift of the Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and appointed as a committee to wait upon and introduce the distinguished companion, *M. E.* Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, *M. E.*, SMITH B. HARRINGTON, *R. E.*, FRED. G. WALBRIDGE, *R. E.*, SYLVANUS COBB, *Jr.*, *R. E.*, JOSEPH K. BAKER, *R. E.*, ALEX. K. BRYER, and *R. E.* ARTHUR G. POLLARD.

"The committee attended to the duty and presented *M. E.* ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, who was received by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest and welcomed in a highly complimentary speech, to which the General Grand High Priest fittingly responded."

The delegates to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter made the following report, which, as we have not yet received the proceedings of that illustrious Grand Body, we reproduce for the information of our companions in California:—

"The General Grand Chapter was opened on the morning of Monday, the 13th of August, with the usual ceremonies incidental to these National Conventions, and was presided over by Comp. A. F. CHAPMAN, Deputy General Grand High Priest, who early in the session appointed as General Grand Chaplain, *M. E.* JOHN W. DADMUN, of Massachusetts.

"The General Grand Chapter was formally welcomed by the Grand High Priest of Colorado, to which the Deputy General Grand High Priest responded in graceful and appropriate language. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado then delivered an able address, replete alike with eloquence and instruction, and upon its conclusion, Comp. N. D. LARNER, General Grand King, responded in brief though fitting terms.

"The General Grand Chapter being now regularly opened for the transaction of its important business, the Deputy General Grand High Priest and the General Grand Secretary made their official reports, from the readings of which it was demonstrated that time had added both prosperity and numbers.

"The report of the Grand Secretary fully proved the fact that Royal Arch Masonry has made a most satisfactory and healthy increase during the three years which had just ended. In substance, he says:—

"The great improvement in the past three years in the timely transmission of the reports of Grand Chapters, and the prompt payment of dues, is a very gratifying and substantial evidence of increased interest in the welfare of the General Grand Chapter, which is now, undoubtedly, more secure in the affections of the Royal Craft than ever before, and is exerting an influence among its constituents at once beneficial and salutary."

"From the annual reports of the several Grand Chapters, directly under the control of the General Grand Chapter, it is shown that during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, 24,828 companions were exalted, affiliated and restored, and when it is remembered that these returns do not include the States of Pennsylvania, Texas, Rhode Island and Minnesota, it is at once seen that the addition of numbers is most encouraging and flattering.

"During the interval since the last Triennial Convocation, seventeen dispensations have been granted to form, open and hold Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Three of these Chapters were organized in Arizona, eight in Dakota, two in New Mexico, two in Utah, and two in Washington Territory.

"The General Grand Chapter has at the present time a large number of subordinate Chapters, duly chartered by its agency, and holding allegiance to its authority and general regulations; this control continues until time demonstrates that a sufficient number in each Territory or State have strength competent to form a Grand Chapter of their own. It will thus be noted that the General Body has been and is now the constant means of planting the Royal Arch standard in many a quarter where otherwise its blessings might never be known.

"The session of the General Grand Chapter was continued for three days, and during that time a large amount of business, both routine and new, was transacted. It must be borne in mind that this tribunal is very frequently the recipient of appeals from State Grand Chapters, a matter which, in our well-governed and quiet jurisdiction, is happily never known.

"One of the most important subjects that came before the Convention was the subject of ritual. It is well known that the Chapter work is not as uniform as the Fraternity would wish, a substantial variation being found in many of the States; but the fact is carefully noted that at each Convocation such a disposition is manifested to harmonize the now existing variations, that the hope is warranted that ere long one common ritual will be the natural result of this desire, and that each and every jurisdiction will act in full harmony with the others.

"The election of officers occurred on the second day of the session, and, although many aspired to the 'honors and awards which await the faithful,' yet the election was conducted with good feeling by the companions, and the result satisfactory to one and all. The officers elected and installed are as follows:—

M. E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,	Massachusetts,	General Grand High Priest;
M. E. NOBLE D. LARNER,	Dist. Columbia,	Deputy Gen. Grand High Priest;
M. E. DAVID F. DAY,	New York,	General Grand King;
M. E. JOS. P. HORNER,	Louisiana,	General Grand Scribe;
M. E. REUBEN C. LEMON,	Ohio,	General Grand Treasurer;
M. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,	New York,	General Grand Secretary;
M. E. THOS. MOF. PATTON,	Oregon,	General Grand Captain of Host;
M. E. B. F. HALLER,	Tennessee,	General Grand Prin. Sojourner;
M. E. R. W. WOODBURY,	Colorado,	Gen. Grand Royal Arch Capt.;
M. E. WM. H. MAYO,	Missouri,	General Grand Master 3d Vail;
M. E. REV. LANSING BURROWS,	Kentucky,	General Grand Master 2d Vail;
M. E. JOHN J. SUMPTER,	Arkansas,	General Grand Master 1st Vail.

"Although Comp. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN had, by the sudden death of his beloved chief, M. E. ROBERT F. BOWEN, early in the previous term, succeeded to the cares and duties of the first office, yet the members of the General Grand Chapter, fully appreciating his past labor and present worth, now placed him in the highest position within their gift, by a vote so strong that it fully proved the heartiness of their good wishes.

"No reference whatever was made to the matter of State Grand Chapters taking charge of the Council degrees, that subject having been virtually settled at the preceding Convocation, not only by its own legislation, but by the formation of a General Grand Council. So it will be seen that the refusal of the General Grand Chap-

ter to acknowledge the degrees of the Cryptic Rite as a part of the series of degrees to be conferred in subordinate Chapters has had a salutary effect; and nearly all of the Grand Chapters that had previously approved the idea of uniting the two systems have abandoned the plan of amalgamation, and requested the proper authority to resume its control of these degrees.

"Your committee cannot close their report without adding their testimony to the value of these Triennial Convocations of the General Grand Chapter. It has been said that these national gatherings accomplished but little, but we feel that this criticism cannot be applied with justice, when it is remembered that as each Convocation is held wise legislation removes many impediments to the general prestige of the Royal Craft; suggestions are made to the various Grand Chapters, which, faithfully followed, are the means of permanent good; and the large concourse of representative Royal Arch Masons gathered from all portions of this vast land, uniting for one common purpose, and working for one common good, is the means of cementing the great heart of Masonry, and making all realize that, though scattered over a great domain, yet we belong to the great brotherhood of man.

"Respectfully submitted.

"ALBERT C. SMITH, M. E. Grand High Priest,
 "JOHN HAIGH, (prozy for) R. E. Dep. Gr. High Priest, } Committee."
 "WILLIAM A. FARNSWORTH, R. E. Grand King,
 "ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, R. E. Grand Scribe,

The Finance Committee reported a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$2,131 45, and the total assets of the Grand Chapter, \$8,332 02.

In the matter at issue between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, the committee to whom the subject was referred reported as follows:—

"Your committee to whom was referred the proclamation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, declaring all Masonic intercourse to be suspended between it and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the edict of non-intercourse, together with the correspondence, which has been placed in our hands, relating to the subject. And as the facts in the case are clearly and correctly stated in the proclamation issued by the Grand Z. M. E. H. L. ROBINSON, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., in granting warrants to form Lodges of Mark Master Masons at Montreal, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which has already resulted in the formation of two Lodges and a Provincial Grand Lodge within the territory of said Grand Chapter, and that, too, after the Grand Lodge of England and Wales had unconditionally and fraternally recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec, is justly chargeable with a breach of Masonic comity, and with violating the well-established law and usage of American Freemasonry relating to jurisdictional rights. We therefore earnestly and fraternally entreat our brothers of England and Wales to take immediate measures to remove existing causes for complaint and discord, and thus promote harmony among the members of our beloved Fraternity in Canada.

"J. W. DADMUN,
 "SETH B. HARRINGTON, } Committee.
 "BAALIE SANFORD.

"The report was accepted, and, on motion, it was unanimously

"Voted, That the resolution be adopted as the sense of the Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"The year which now lies behind us has been one of prosperity and advancement. In a State numbering some seventy subordinate bodies, we cannot expect to find that each and all have been constantly adding to their numbers, while we must anticipate that questions will occasionally arise calling for no little diplomatic tact and wisdom on the part of the Grand Officers. The District Deputy Grand High Priests, whose reports accompany my own, during their annual official visitations have found most of the Chapters in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity; and the causes which have retarded the progress of others will be noted hereafter."

The Address is replete with valuable suggestions and with those exalted sentiments which should ever characterize a Royal Arch Mason, and especially one who has been honored by being chosen as a leader of the Royal Craft. He closes with the following impressive remarks:—

"Companions, the time has been when our Order was surrounded by enmity, darkness and peril, and we were forced to be armed and watchful on the outside. It is no longer so. Our chief, if not our only danger, now is to be found within, in unworthy members, and our own unfaithfulness to our professions. Here is where we need to keep the most conscientious watch. Let vigilance guard the portal and fidelity serve at the altar. Then the wisdom of our Order shall be justified, its industry be rewarded, and its virtue be crowned. While traveling here on the level of time we are but pilgrims and sojourners, as all of our fathers were. Veil beyond veil shuts in and hides from our sight the glories of the celestial city which we seek. But amid all the toils, cares and grief of earth, the faith cheers us that those glories will be revealed to us, as, one after another, we drop our mortal pack and join the immortal Convocation under the eyes of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe.

"A pure priesthood, in phalanx unbroken, then let us march,
And with weapons of faith and of love all fight our way through;
For the infinite sky will stand out as a Royal Arch,
When the angels uproll from the scene the last banner of blue."

The reports of the District Deputies show the Craft to be generally in a flourishing condition in the old Bay State.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the genial pen of Comp. JOHN W. DADMUN, who reviews the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters, including California for 1883. His notice of California is fraternal and kindly, and we cordially reciprocate the expressions of good feeling therein contained. He prefaces his most interesting and valuable report with a somewhat lengthy dissertation upon the subject of Masonic discipline for non-payment of dues. This is almost the only subject upon which there is any difference of opinion between Comp. DADMUN and your correspondent, and we are sorely tempted to "lock horns" with him once more upon this proposition; but the proceedings of Massachusetts came to hand after our report had gone to press, and, per consequence, we have no time to answer his arguments, but reserve our fire until our next report. In concluding his review of California, Comp. DADMUN, after quoting some remarks of ours under the head of Iowa, says:—

"The foregoing criticism is adverse to the regulations of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge. Whence comes 'this flood of tramps and swindlers' that we hear so much about in some correspondence reports? Does it come from Maine and Massachusetts, or is it all on paper? Are all involuntary non-affiliated Masons 'tramps and swindlers'? If so, the largest 'flood' comes from those jurisdictions that think the least of the 'sacred banner of charity,' and 'have not yet emerged from the somber shadow of the dark ages' of *compulsion*. Comp. CASWELL says the 'free-will doctrine is played out' in California—voluntary membership is a thing of the past. How about the 'sons of light?'"

Alas! Comp. DADMUN, there be too many of them who "prefer darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." He further says:—

"Well, we rather enjoy a friendly brush with Comp. CASWELL, and trust we shall both come out right in the end."

We assure our esteemed companion that the enjoyment is reciprocal, and all the more so because the controversy is conducted in the spirit of brotherly love and affection. That the Lord may bless you, Comp. DADMUN, and in due time bring you to a realizing sense of the error of your ways, is the earnest prayer of yours fraternally
—C.

There are sixty-nine subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 9,387.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Detroit on the sixteenth day of January, 1883,—the M. E. WILLIAM S. TUBOK, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM P. INNES being Grand Secretary. Several subordinate Chapters, if not more, were represented. Why cannot Grand Sec-

retaries state, in brief, the number of subordinate Chapters represented and save us poor reviewers the trouble of counting them?

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and touches no point of interest without the jurisdiction, except in so far as the general prosperity of the Craft is concerned, upon which he offers his congratulations.

Four dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

The following decisions are reported :—

Question—Brother A. B. petitions to take the Chapter degrees; a ballot is spread, is found clear, and the Mark Master degree is conferred. He then applies to receive the remaining degrees, and the question now arises: Some of the companions understood that a ballot be spread for each degree, and so voted on his application. Did the ballot elect to all the Chapter degrees?

Answer—Yes.

Question—A companion in good standing and clear on the books presents his petition for a limit at the regular in March, and his request was refused. At our last regular in September he petitioned the Chapter, asking that his name be dropped from the roll of membership, as he wished to sever his connection with the Chapter and Capitular Masonry, and that he will not ask or expect any benefits therefrom. Is he entitled to his limit?

Answer—Yes. Any companion clear on the books and in good standing is entitled to a limit. Masonry is not compulsory, but voluntary; a companion becomes a member of a Chapter of his own free will and accord, and to retain him against his wishes would only have a tendency to create discord and contention.

Question—A companion Royal Arch Mason objects to the exaltation of a brother Most Excellent Master, and I refuse to exalt him, but require the objector to file charges (Edict XI), which he does, and trial proceeds upon the charges. A companion now urges that whether the accused is found guilty and punished, or found innocent and acquitted, the objection is not removed by the trial, and claims that whichever way the trial results I cannot exalt him until the objection is formally withdrawn by the objector; and, farther, that the objection holds good even after the death of the objector.

Answer—See Article XI, Section 4, of the Constitution, which reads as follows:—

“Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate, at any stage of advancement, it shall be the duty of the High Priest to refuse to advance him until such objection be removed.” Article XII, section 2, reads: ‘All constitutions or parts of constitutions, edicts or resolutions, and all by-laws and rules of order heretofore adopted by the Grand Chapter, inconsistent with this Constitution, are hereby repealed.’ Those sections were adopted in 1880. Edict No. XI, to which you refer, was adopted in 1872, and is in conflict with the Constitution, and has no place in the Edicts of the Grand Chapter, as it was repealed by Article XII, Section 2. The objection remains even after acquittal by trial. Death is the great leveler and remover of objections, and after he has removed the objector he has removed the objection.

Question—Brother A. B. applies to take the Past Master's degree, has received the obligation, and is seated in the Oriental chair: the offices of the Junior and Senior Wardens are vacant; he is requested to fill them and proceed with business, which he refuses to do, and is removed from the Lodge. He now applies to take the Past Master's degree. Shall we go on and confer them the same as though he had not been in a Past Master's Lodge?

Answer—Yes. Confer them in due form.”

“The following question was received from a very prominent Mason, with his decision on the same :—

Question—When is a summons to be issued, or, rather, is it right for a High Priest to issue a regular summons to compel members to attend meetings of the Chapter? I have held that a High Priest should issue a summons only to secure the attendance of companions to answer any charges which may have been preferred against them, or when something of great importance would require a full attendance, and in that case the High Priest to state the object of the summons.

Answer—The High Priest has the right to summons any member of his Chapter at any time, but should use that power with discretion and judgment, and not abuse it.”

From the third decision we are compelled to dissent. The objector—having preferred charges against the brother, and those charges having been heard and determined and the accused acquitted—loses his right to further objection, and the candidate should be exalted.

A recommendation of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, that a fee of five dollars be charged for each dispensation granted by that officer, said amount to accompany the application, was adopted. We predict that the Grand High Priest will, in future, be relieved of considerable labor and annoyance in that direction.

The Committee on Grievances report a painful condition of harmony throughout the jurisdiction.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM S. TUBOK, and the sum of fifty dollars was awarded him as a partial remuneration for his services. The Grand Secretary was also instructed to procure and present to him a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

The Grand Secretary was also thanked for his services; a proceeding somewhat remarkable for its novelty.

The Finance Committee report the amount on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year to be \$3,209 98.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, prepared by the Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES. It occupies one hundred and sixty pages of the Annual, and is a compendium of useful knowledge extracted from the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters except Florida, Indiana, Nevada, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island and West Virginia, which failed to reach him. His review of California for 1882 is made in his usual kindly and fraternal spirit. He makes lengthy extracts from the Address of Comp. ORME, and quotes his closing remarks in full. Our explanation of the duties of Grand Representatives has nearly converted him. He says:—

"That excellent companion and 'filler' of many Grand Offices, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, submitted his usual interesting and instructive Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is truly the feature of the proceedings. Thirty-eight sister Grand Jurisdictions were reviewed and commented upon, Michigan for 1881 being among the number."

"Filler" is good. If he will visit us we promise to do honor to our reputation as a "filler," by filling him with pure grape juice, or—"words to that effect."

He further says:—

"Of our remarks to our Canadian Companions on the Grand Representative system, Comp. CASWELL sets forth their duties so plainly that we give them in full, and are almost ready to say, 'Thou almost persuadest me.'"

"Only think, Comp. CASWELL, how it will be when Arkansas visits California, or 'wisus warsus.' How 'tight' that fraternal tie will be drawn. Nothing can be 'tighter.'"

In the preface to his report Comp. INNES says:—

"We meet our companions of the corps reportorial once more around the 'factive board of Foreign Correspondence.' We have read their thoughts, and with them exchanged greetings and ideas; let us hope we are all the better Masons for having 'said our say,' each in his own way. These reports are indeed worthy the careful perusal of every Royal Arch Mason, for from them all get an epitomized idea of what is going on in the vast land where dwell the Royal Craft."

"Your committee notice with pleasure that the rulings on Masonic law are becoming more uniform every year. We believe much of this is due to these Reports on Foreign Correspondence, as, by reading them, presiding officers are led to ascertain the rulings of others, and also of the comments made by the several Committees on Jurisprudence."

We extract the following from his conclusion:—

"With feelings mingling bitter and sweet we lay aside our pen, knowing that for another year our labors as a reviewer are at an end. It has been our aim to cull from the tablets before us the choicest themes and ideas presented by the writers of the several reports. From every State, as well as from every corner of our own, Michigan, we are greeted with tidings of peace, prosperity and harmony among the Royal Craft. That noble spirit which breathes of unison, that impulse that betokens generosity, that brotherly love which is so strong an exponent of our tenets, wafts to us in every passing breath, and our heart swells with pride as we realize the perpetuation of the lessons taught us around our sacred altars."

There are one hundred and five subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 7,625.

The *M. E.* GEORGE HILL was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of St. Paul on the tenth day of October, 1882,—the *M. E.* O. G. MILLER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* A. T. C. PIERSON being Grand Secretary. Twenty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest thus commences an excellent Address:—

"To this, the twenty-first Grand Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, I greet you as brethren and companions beloved, who have here assembled to exchange fraternal greetings, to deliberate and consult for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, and to review the labors of the past. Another year has passed away, and with it all its joys and sorrows, and our thanks are due to the Great I Am, who has with so bounteous a hand blessed us. I welcome you, companions, as the representatives of three thousand Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota, who here meet upon a common level, representing all professions, from every station in life, and who are bound together with that indissoluble chain of friendship and brotherly love, which can only be severed by the hand of death alone. Let each of us be actuated by the purest of principles, to so legislate for the good of our noble Order, that when our work shall be completed and presented for inspection it may pass the Master Overseer's Square, and upon our return to our constituents receive the hearty welcome, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

A long array of decisions is presented, from which we select the following:—

Question. Is the loss of a leg (he now using an artificial one) such a maiming as to disqualify him for advancement, he not being so far maimed but that he could receive and impart all the instruction necessary in speculative Masonry?

Answer. I regard the old law relative to physical qualifications as applicable only to those applying to be made Masons. The brother is eligible."

There is a wide difference of opinion upon the subject of physical qualifications for the capitual degrees. We are inclined to concur in the foregoing decision, however, as we believe if a candidate can comply with all the requirements of the ritual, it is sufficient to establish his eligibility.

Four dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of the late General Grand High Priest, Comp. BOWEN, and says of him:—

"Of cultivated tastes and scholarly habits, he not only devoted his means lavishly to the accumulation of a Masonic library for himself, but was the chief founder of the library of the city, and liberally devoted to its interests his time and money. Genial, generous, honorable, hospitable, always faithful and true, he died regretted by all who knew him, and his death was deplored as a public misfortune."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,733 86.

No legislation of general interest was had.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual from the pen of the venerable Grand Secretary, Comp. A. T. C. PIERSON, who reviews with his customary ability the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, California for 1882 receiving kindly and fraternal notice. For personal compliments we return thanks.

There are thirty-three subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,228.

The *M. E.* W. J. HAHN was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* A. T. C. PIERSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Jackson on the twelfth day of February, 1883,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM RICHARDS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. L. POWELL being Grand Secretary. Forty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is entirely confined to local matters. We extract the following from his exordium :—

"The dial of time in its ceaseless round has once more passed the meridian hour, reminding us that it is the time for us to lay aside the convivialities of refreshment and take up the labors incident to the thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi.

"Since last we formed the fraternal chain around our sacred altar and offered up the incense of pure and contrite hearts to the Great I Am, another year has passed into eternity—another leaf of the record book of our lives has been turned. On which side of the ledger stands the balance brought forward? Have we been striving during the past year to be better men and better Masons? Have we been trying, with a firm reliance on Divine protection, to live up to the requirements of our beloved institution? Have we, as far as possible, fed the hungry and clothed the naked? Have we visited the widow and fatherless in their affliction, pouring into their bosoms the wine of consolation and the oil of joy? These are the approved objects of our Order—these the labors of love which should call forth our loftiest energies—which angels will look upon with rapture, and the God of Heaven bless in a rich return of happiness to the bosoms of those engaged therein."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$180 21.

A majority of the special committee to whom was referred the memorial of Comp. SAVERY and others, requesting the repeal of the resolutions and edicts of the Grand Chapter relative to the degrees of Royal and Select Master, made a lengthy report supplemented with the following resolutions :—

"Resolved, That whenever any nine members of any one of the Councils of Royal and Select Masters formerly existing in this State shall assemble and elect officers, on application to the Grand Secretary, he be and is hereby directed to return to them the charter and other effects in his possession of such Council, and it shall thereby be authorized to resume its labors as a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and that thereafter no Chapter within the county in which a Council has resumed labor shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master; and

"Resolved further, That whenever nine Councils shall have resumed labor as prescribed in the foregoing resolution, the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council be requested to convene the same, and when said Grand Council shall officially inform the Grand Chapter that it has resumed labor, the Grand Chapter will not thereafter exercise any jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and the several subordinate Chapters will be prohibited from conferring these degrees.

"Resolved further, That until otherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter, the several subordinate Chapters, except where Councils are revived in the county in which said Chapters are established, are directed to continue to confer the Royal and Select Master degrees upon all those members who may desire them.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

"J. M. HOWEY,
"FREDERIC SPEED.

"We endorse the resolutions, but dissent from preamble.

"B. T. KIMBROUGH,
"P. M. SAVERY,
"JNO. A. GALBREATH."

A minority of the committee presented the following report :—

"The undersigned, of special committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry companions in relation to the merger of Capitular and Cryptic degrees, would respectfully report that, in their judgment, no good reason exists for disturbing the action heretofore taken by this Grand Brody.

"E. GEO. DELAP,
"W. G. PAXTON,
"J. L. POWER."

"Comp. PAXTON moved to adopt the minority report.

"After an earnest and protracted discussion, in which Comps. SAVERY, SPEED, HOWEY, GALBREATH, KIMBROUGH, FRENCH, BOWEN and PAXTON participated, Comp. R. C. PATTY moved that the consideration of the whole subject be postponed until the next Grand Convocation. Which motion was lost.

"The question recurring on the motion of Bro. PAXTON, the minority report was adopted."

Mississippi is thus "wedded to her idol," but we predict that ere long a divorce will be obtained. A new Constitution was adopted.

A good Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. W. G. PAXTON, in which is ably reviewed the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, California for 1892 included. He quotes liberally from our report and generally with approval. In quoting some remarks of ours in answer to Comp. WARREN, of Nebraska, he says:—

"Won't there be fun when the M. P. General Grand Council issues a pronouncement of that character? Who is going to organize the Grand Council, and is it expected that the Grand Chapter will quietly submit? Possibly it might be found that the pop-guns of the General Grand will meet response from the columbiads and mortars of the Grand Chapter."

We are of the opinion that the fun will be all on one side, viz., that of the General Grand Council, and that the old smooth-bore columbiads of the Grand Chapter will make a sorry show in opposition to the rifled guns of the General Grand Council. He concludes his really able report as follows:—

"Our work is completed, and if it be not found 'good work' and 'true work,' the hope is indulged that due allowance will be made for inexperience and the awkwardness of a first attempt. We have made as careful examination of proceedings as circumstances would allow, and have endeavored to make such extracts as would illustrate the doings and purposes of the Craft at large, adding here and there such comments as occasion seemed to warrant. The report has been prepared amidst the interruptions of business, and, irrespective of natural deficiencies, is necessarily imperfect. To the Corps—the Grand M. A. Association—we say that the opinions expressed are our own, and ours only, and, however crude or erroneous they may be, are at the least honest and sincere. It has been our purpose to confine all expressions within the true limits of courtesy and fraternal feeling, and for any seeming deviation from this purpose full amend is made here and now.

"For the rest, if anything be found that is deemed worthy of criticism, pitch in, companions, to your heart's content. This report is at once our Alpha and our Omega, and criticisms will amuse you and won't hurt us."

We regret to lose Comp. PAXTON from the guild, but are consoled by the knowledge that Comp. P. M. SAVERY is again seated in the reportorial chair.

There are fifty-one subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 1,391.

The M. E. B. T. KIMBROUGH was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of St. Louis on the third day of May, 1893,—the M. E. ERWIN ELLIS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WM. H. MAYO being Grand Secretary. Seventy-two chartered Chapters were represented and delegates were present from seven Chapters under dispensation.

The Grand High Priest commences his Address with the following beautiful sentiment:—

"To me these Annual Convocations are bright spots on the pages of life's record. Many familiar faces I see here of those I have long since learned to love and esteem that I have never met except at these Annual Convocations. Strong, indeed, are the ties of friendship, whose golden links have been welded around this sacred altar. I am fully persuaded that these bonds of friendship will extend within the Fourth Veil, yea, even to the Tabernacle on High, and grow brighter and stronger as time rolls on."

Appropriate mention is made of the death of the late General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. BOWER, and of those of his own jurisdiction who have died during the year. The "grim messenger" had spared the officers of the Grand Chapter and all were present at roll-call.

He severely scores those High Priests of Chapters who, through ignorance of the law, ask decisions upon points which have long been decided and form part of the written law, to which it is only necessary for them to refer in order to clear their

minds of all doubt in the premises, and says that no less than five High Priests have submitted the question "Does the written objection to the advancement of a candidate, by a companion in good standing, prevent me from conferring the degrees upon him?" Such questions show a lamentable degree of ignorance upon the part of those who have been chosen as leaders of the Craft, relative to Masonic law and usage, and is a timely admonition to the companions to be careful whom they select to preside over them. One High Priest went so far as to confer the degrees after a written objection had been made, and was properly punished by having the charter of his Chapter arrested.

A number of decisions were reported, from which we select the following as being of general interest:—

Question—What constitutes an official notification to a Chapter, of the suspension or expulsion from a Lodge of a companion Royal Arch Mason, to authorize the Chapter to make a record of his standing?

Answer—When from his personal knowledge, or by reliable information, the High Priest of a Chapter shall know of the suspension or expulsion by a Lodge of a member of his Chapter, he should direct the Secretary to enter upon the records of the Chapter the fact of the suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances connected therewith, so as to give a clear and full understanding of the companion's standing in the Chapter.

By referring to Section 47, page 36, Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, it will be seen that it is not discretionary with the High Priest or the Chapter. But the companion is as effectually suspended or expelled as though it had been done by the Chapter itself, and it becomes the duty of the High Priest to enforce the penalty. He must be the judge of what he considers satisfactory evidence, whether that be of his own personal knowledge, the statement of a companion who is conversant with the facts, or the certificate of the Secretary of the Lodge, which, through that courtesy which is due from one Masonic body to another, he may have furnished the High Priest.

Question—A companion has been suspended for non-payment of dues by his Lodge; on the books of the Chapter he stands credited with a year's dues in advance: what is his standing in the Chapter?

Answer—He is suspended in the Chapter. The question of indebtedness of the Chapter to him has nothing whatever to do with it.

Question—Our Chapter was set to work under charter in May, 1882, and the officers duly installed. When does their term of office expire?

Answer—They serve as officers one full year and until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Statement—At the time of the election of the officers of our Chapter, it was agreed that we hold a joint installation with our Lodge at the next regular Communication. At the time a few of the officers of our Chapter were present. After the Lodge had elected the officers, they and the officers of the Chapter that were present were installed. Our Chapter was not opened; in fact, there were not enough members of the Chapter present to open on the Royal Arch degree.

Questions—1st. Are the officers elect duly installed? 2d. If they are, what record am I to make of the installation? 3d. If they are not the legal officers, who are? 4th. Can a Chapter meet and open at any other place than the one designated in the charter?

Answers—1st. The officers are not legally installed and have no right to occupy their stations. 2d. You cannot make a record of a meeting of your Chapter when it does not meet. 3d. The old officers. 4th. Not without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. (See Section 18, page 33, Constitution and By-Laws.)

Your Chapter may open in their hall, and then repair to some other place for the purpose of installing the officers. But in all cases, your Chapter must meet and open in the place designated in the charter. Section 20, page 17, Constitution and By-Laws, provides that all business of the Chapter (other than conferring the subordinate degrees) must be done in the Royal Arch degree. I apprehend that no one will claim that the installation of the officers of a Chapter is not as much a part of the business of the Chapter as the election of them. If it is, how can the officers be duly installed unless the Chapter is opened on the Royal Arch degree?

In the case submitted, it is stated that there were not enough Royal Arch Masons present to open a Chapter. How, I ask, could the officers be duly installed?

I see no difference in the binding effect of one law of this Grand Chapter from another; and the High Priest has as much authority to open his Chapter with only three Royal Arch Masons present as he has to install his officers without opening

the Chapter. The one is as plainly a written law as the other, and the one is no less a violation than the other: and, it seems to me, that this Grand Chapter should, in emphatic terms, condemn such loose practices."

In the foregoing decisions we fully concur.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$5,302 45.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter is informed that, at a late Conclave of the Knights Templar of Missouri, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the feasibility of establishing a Masonic Asylum in Missouri, to be the refuge of widows and orphans and needy Masons, and that said committee was instructed to secure, if possible, the co-operation of other Masonic bodies; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby expresses its hearty approval of the proposed enterprise, and directs that a committee of five be appointed, of which the Grand High Priest shall be chairman, to confer with the committee appointed by the Commandery in relation thereto."

Charters were granted to seven Chapters under dispensation.

The Finance Committee made a report from which we infer that the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter is not furnished with specimens of "high art." The committee say:—

"In the matter of painting portraits of those Past Grand High Priests who have not been Grand Masters, your committee, having in view the villainous daubs already on the walls of the Grand Secretary's office, recommend that no such appropriation be made."

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by the Grand Secretary, Comp. WM. H. MAYO, and is written on a new plan, for which we hope Comp. MAYO will not take the trouble to obtain a copyright. It is interesting to read, but no living man can make an intelligent review of it without spending much more time than we have at our disposal for such purpose. The best portion of this production is its conclusion. Here we get some insight into the views of the writer, which are eminently sound, and we fully indorse them and commend them to the careful consideration of our companions. They are the views which we, in our feeble way, have advocated for years; and they are here set forth so clearly and concisely that we cannot resist the temptation to reproduce them, and we will here add that we fully and freely forgive him for the abominable arrangement of his report proper, for the sake of the admirable opinions expressed in his concluding remarks. We give them in full, as it would be a shame to curtail them one jot or tittle:—

"Here we are again at the *FINIS* of our fourth annual journey among the Royal Craft of this continent, back again in old Missouri, seated at our desk to reflect for a moment in silence amid the smoke, dust and approaching warm weather, and just on the eve of our own Grand Convocation. We must confess that we have not been successful in this report in pleasing ourself, so we do not expect it to please others. As we said at the outset, we have not shaped our paper as we desired, and have been a little pressed in its preparation. We find that we have quoted quite freely from some proceedings and writers some extracts of very general interest, which will be, doubtless, read with great relish; but, as we said in our introduction, there are few subjects of great importance attracting the attention and pen of the Royal Craft.

"THE CRYPTIC DEGREES.

"This subject seems to bother some of our companions yet, but to us it seems well nigh settled, for if you will, my reader, but look back a few years, you will find quite a number of the Grand Councils surrendering, or attempting to capitulate, to the Grand Chapters, and an equal number of Grand Chapters swelling up and preparing to, and some did, after quite a lengthy deliberation, swallow the aforesaid degrees; but it has never laid easily on their stomachs, and, as far as our observation has gone, they have, by a large majority, hurried to get rid of the white elephant; in fact, the getting rid process was done in much less time than the getting hold of—in other words, it took some time to climb up, but did not take long to let all hold on and drop; and very properly, too, for as we have had occasion to say frequently in the past few years, the Chapter has about all the degrees it can well take care of, and, in our humble judgment, at least one too many, viz., the Past Master's.

"The General Grand Council is a fixed fact now beyond doubt, as some twenty-five Grand Councils now owe allegiance to, or are subordinate to, its mandates, and, by common consent, it claims and is exercising the right to occupy all territory where Grand Councils do not exist.

"The General Grand Chapter persistently keeps silent on this subject, hence, we say, let us, as Royal Arch Masons, keep our hands off for at least a decade and see what will be the result; therefore we look forward with great interest to the meeting and action of the General Grand Council this summer. Will it legislate in the true interest of Cryptic Masonry, or not? We unhesitatingly say it is their duty to do so, and not ours, as Royal Arch Masons.

"SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

"This subject is unquestionably the most important and the one that has been the most discussed during the past year or two. We have read and quoted, from time to time, some very interesting and elaborately prepared papers on this subject; we have watched with care, and studied with earnestness, the legislation of our own and other jurisdictions on the subject, and, after nearly a score of years of Masonic experience and observation, have gradually come to the following conclusion on the same. It is a very great ado about nothing; a great big scare about a very small scarecrow.

"We make the assertion that the Masonic is the oldest and most widely and favorably known of secret societies; therefore many, very many persons are brought into its portals—a large majority for good and legitimate reasons, but many black sheep get into it through idle curiosity, or are persuaded by over-zealous friends, particularly so in Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. And when their morbid curiosity is satisfied, or they find that they cannot get something for nothing, or have not struck the big bonanza they had falsely expected, and in many instances find the associations are not such as their evil desires seek, they quietly discontinue their attendance, payment of legitimate dues, etc., and are glad to be dropped.

"We further assert that if one will carefully study the rise and fall of a score or more organizations during the past quarter of a century, even those that have an insurance and sick beneficiary attachment, they will find that our aggregate losses, as Masons, sink into insignificance when compared to theirs. Furthermore, we have been going along for more than a century on that broad, charitable plain, so world-widely known to be a Masonic characteristic, taking in nearly all who apply, and through sweet charity's sake, holding on to them, in many jurisdictions, whether they wanted to or not; and it is only within the past few years that we are awakening to a realization of the fact that we are over-loaded with a huge accumulation of dead timber, and have adopted means of getting rid of it and down to a solid basis of the proper material.

"We lay down the broad and universally accepted proposition that the Masonic Fraternity is a good one; its members enjoy rights and privileges, socially and otherwise, that are not accorded to those without its pales. We assert that no society or organization can be maintained without expense, and that the average legitimate expenses of the Masonic Fraternity, the world over, do not compare in magnitude to other organizations, whether social, religious or political, and the benefits derived by the worthy are far greater. Our laws and obligations provide for this expense, as it does for all other matters that are incumbent upon the good man and Mason. We are all on a broad Masonic level and should equally bear our proportion of the self-assumed burdens. No man goes into the fraternity without knowing what its laws and obligations are. He voluntarily assumes these and should cheerfully comply or honorably withdraw. He who basely violates any of these is worthy of no better fate than the penalty that is prescribed. There are grades of offenses and crimes, and there are grades of punishment. We assert most unequivocally and without the fear of successful contradiction, that it is an offense to neglect and refuse to comply with that part of our laws and obligations which require us to pay dues to assist in equally sharing the expense of maintaining a time-honored institution from which we derive benefits and pleasures, socially and otherwise; it is a Masonic offense, and he that is guilty of such an offense deserves Masonic discipline or punishment for withholding that which is justly due, and after proper notice and a reasonable time to appear and show cause in open Lodge or Chapter, which is sufficient trial by his peers in such a case, or for such an offense; and failing to comply, should be suspended from all the rights, privileges, benefits and membership of the fraternity as unworthy, until, at least, he does comply. This, we say, is only a reasonable punishment for such an offense.

"We have no patience with that maudlin sentimentality that looks at and attempts to care for one (and generally the wrong) side of this or any other question. Analyze the subject, we say, examine both sides, and calmly weigh the pros and cons. Where is the Mason that has ever known of a true man and Mason that was behind in his dues to any Masonic body, that came up like a man and stated or wrote

the cause of his inability to pay, and if anywhere in the bounds of reason, that a unanimous verdict was not to forgive the indebtedness, and, if necessary, at once vote an appropriation for relief? And where is the Mason that has been a regular attendant for say ten years upon the meetings of his Masonic bodies that has not known scores of members to ask relief and have their dues remitted that were much better able to pay dues than a majority of those who always pay promptly? Scrutinize your list of suspensions for non-payment of dues; look into their private history and daily habits of life: get at the bottom facts; lay aside your sentimentality, and just for once consider that the institution has some rights, some dignity and standing to sustain and hold up to the admiring gaze of millions—some rights that even a member derelict in his duties and obligations should be made to respect.

"No, Comp. OGDEN *et al.*, who fear that the Masonic Fraternity will in a few years be depopulated or disintegrated on account of this non-payment of dues law, no fear of it whatever; we are only taking a year or two to weed out the chaff that has been for a quarter of a century growing among the wheat; nine times out of ten we are getting rid of the drones in order that the hive may the better work in harmony and unison. If, unfortunately, a good member now and then by mistake gets suspended, there is a very easy and quick way to remedy it, and no one is any the worse off. A good, stringent law does not strike terror to the minds of good men or Masons, but it does to drones and black sheep, such as are found in all churches and societies, and it would be strange, indeed, if we did not have a few in the Masonic Fraternity, and the sooner and easier we get rid of such the better."

To all which we say amen!

There are ninety-three chartered Chapters and two under dispensation borne upon the rolls, with a total membership of 2,600.

The *M. E. A. M.* DOCKERY was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WM. H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

This Grand Chapter held its ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Virginia on the twelfth day of June, 1882,—the *M. E.* FRANK BELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN D. HAMMOND being Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters, eight in number, were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief and the subject matter of local interest solely.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in his hands of \$768.

The tenth Annual Convocation was held at the same place on the eleventh day of June, 1883,—the *M. E.* ADOLPHUS L. FITZGERALD, Grand King, presiding, Grand Secretary as before. Five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand Secretary stated that from recent advices he was obliged to say that *M. E.* WILLIAM TIMSON, Grand High Priest, was still very low, suffering from paralysis; that he was able only to be moved about a little by his attentive friends, and that, possibly, he would never be any better.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, owing to business complications, was unable to attend, but sent a brief Address to the Grand Chapter, giving an account of his official acts. He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and several special dispensations for various purposes.

The acting Grand High Priest expressed his sympathy with the Grand High Priest in his affliction, and stated that he had nothing of importance to present in the way of advice or of legislation. Indeed, so far as he was aware, Royal Arch Masonry was never more prosperous in the State of Nevada, than at the present time.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in his hands of \$1,353 50.

A charter was granted to *Humboldt* Chapter, U. D., and it was numbered nine on the registry.

A resolution of sympathy with the Grand High Priest, Comp. TIMSON, was adopted.

A brief Report on Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, *R. E.*

Comp. JOHN D. HAMMOND, but brief though it be, it is good from first to last. California for 1882-83 is fraternally noticed, and we would gladly dwell longer with our neighbor but only a few days remain to us before our Grand Chapter meets in Annual Convocation, and this report must be ready.

There are nine Chapters in this jurisdiction and the total membership is reported at 890.

The *M. E.* CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWAKE was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOHN D. HAMMOND was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Concord on the fifteenth day of May, 1893,—the *M. E.* CHARLES N. TOWLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary. Nineteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address the Grand High Priest says:—

"Another year has passed since we last assembled within these peaceful walls, dedicated to Masonry, virtue, and universal benevolence—a year of continued prosperity to our beloved and time-honored institution; and I congratulate you, companions, on the favorable condition which Royal Arch Masonry at this time exhibits throughout this jurisdiction.

"The finances of this Grand Chapter are in a sound and healthy condition, and the several Chapters in the State are doing an average amount of work, there being an increase of sixty-nine in the aggregate number of members in the jurisdiction."

He reported the following decisions:—

"1st. An application for the degrees having been received by a Chapter and referred to a committee for investigation, it would be irregular for the committee to report recommending the withdrawal of the petition.

"2d. A petition cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Chapter has not jurisdiction over the petitioner, but must be submitted to a ballot.

"3d. No companion can be appointed an officer of a Chapter (except *pro tem.*) unless he be a member of such Chapter, the Tyler alone excepted."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$570 22.

A resolution was adopted making all Past High Priests of Chapters permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. ALBERT S. WAIT, and comprises a review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, California for 1892 included. In his review of California he comments as follows:—

"The Grand High Priest has decided that, notwithstanding an adverse report on a petition for the degrees, a ballot must be taken. But the Committee on Jurisprudence dissented from this ruling, thinking that, as no special regulation of the jurisdiction required it, a ballot after such a report might be dispensed with, the report itself, as we understand it, being regarded as a rejection. This seems a revival of the old rule laid down by Brother MACKAY, that an adverse report is equivalent to a rejection, and after such a report a ballot is unnecessary. We always thought this doctrine sound, though it has met with little, if any, favor while we have been a Mason.

"An elaborate and very able and interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence is furnished by the Grand Secretary, Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, in which the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed. Comp. CASWELL does not favor the Union of the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, and strongly recommends to those jurisdictions who have adopted such a union to abandon it and unite with the General Grand Council. Everything indicates that this view must finally prevail.

"Comp. CASWELL is a strenuous advocate of the doctrine which requires membership in a Lodge as prerequisite to membership in a Chapter. As we understand it, such is not the law of our own jurisdiction. We cannot see the force of the reasoning on which the doctrine is founded, though we do not propose here to enter upon a discussion of the subject."

We cannot find time to attempt the conversion of Comp. WAIT at this writing,

but hope to do so on some future occasion. His report is ably prepared and very interesting, and we regret that we cannot give it a more extended notice, but want of time forbids.

There are twenty-one subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,348.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The twenty-seventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Trenton on the twelfth day of September, 1883,—the *M. E.* CHARLES L. CHOVEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS being Grand Secretary. Twenty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest commences his Address with the following gratifying announcement:—

“During the year that has passed since the last Grand Convocation, the Omnipotent source of every good and perfect gift has been pleased to vouchsafe to our nation peace and prosperity. The labors of the husbandman have been rewarded in the abundance of the crops gathered into his granaries. Our factories have teemed with industry and thrift. Our mines have unbosomed their treasures and amply repaid the arduous labors of the miner, whilst our merchants and capitalists have realized good returns on their investments. Royal Arch Masonry, I rejoice to state, was never more prosperous in New Jersey than it is this day, as will be seen by referring to the reports of my associate Grand Officers. It therefore becomes us, as Royal Arch Masons, to lift up our hearts to our Heavenly Father in grateful acknowledgment for all these blessings, and in the language of inspiration, exclaim:—

“O! praise the Lord, all ye nations! Praise Him, all ye people!

For His merciful kindness is great toward us!”

He reports concisely his official acts, and appears to have discharged the important duties of his high position with commendable zeal and fidelity. One dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted. He reports the death of *M. E.* Comp. JOHN G. ROBERTSON, Past Grand High Priest, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory.

He attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Denver, Colorado, and reports the result of the deliberations of that high Masonic tribunal as follows:—

“It was my privilege, as your representative, to attend the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, held in the city of Denver, August 13th. There was a large attendance, nearly every Grand Chapter in allegiance being represented. The deliberations occupied four days, and were dignified throughout. Comp. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, of Massachusetts, was elected General Grand High Priest; Comp. NOBLE D. LAENKE, of Washington, D. C., Deputy General Grand High Priest; Comp. DAVID F. DAY, of New York, General Grand King; and Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, of Louisiana, General Grand Scribe. Ex-Comp. REUBEN C. LEXMON, of Ohio, was re-elected General Grand Treasurer, and Ex-Comp. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, of New York, General Grand Secretary. New Jersey was honored with positions on committees as follows: Comp. REGISTER, on Finance; Comp. REDWAY, on Memorial of the Dead. Comp. GEORGE SCOTT, proxy for Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe, was one of the tellers to conduct the election, and your Grand High Priest was assigned a position on the Committee on Grievances. The Grand Chapter of Colorado spared neither pains nor expense to promote the comfort and pleasure of the Royal Craft during their sojourn in the beautiful city of Denver, in which object they succeeded so well that all carried away with them the most pleasant recollections of the occasion. There was no legislation affecting this Grand Jurisdiction.”

The reports of the visiting Grand Officers show a very satisfactory condition of a majority of the subordinate Chapters, albeit a few of them show symptoms of syncope.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the treasury of \$974 13.

No legislation was had that calls for special comment.

The Report on Correspondence was, as usual, presented by the Grand Secretary,

Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, and is a well prepared and interesting review of the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, and also those of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In his review of California he pays us a high compliment, for which he will please accept our thanks. He says:—

"The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. CASWELL, and was the work of his pen. As usual it is not only exhaustive, but one of the best specimens of reviewal current."

Upon reading this highly complimentary notice, we jumped to the conclusion that Comp. EDWARDS was going to "let up" on us; but, alas for human anticipations! in the very next paragraph he goes for our scalp like a veritable Apache. After quoting our remarks upon the inherent prerogatives of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests, he says:—

"We are no believer!" This cry was originated many, many years ago, and it has never been followed by followers; but because a certain one does not believe, that does not affect the value of fact, nor does restriction by Constitution destroy an inherent right by office having an existence before the Constitution was framed. The very attempt in the Constitution to prevent, absolutely proves the existence of the claim, which may be put to the proof some day by an incumbent who, having a little more dash of independence, fears not to assert his rights. The inherent rights of Grand Masters existed when the big trees of California were saplings, and for how many years prior it is unnecessary to state at present.

"Penal enactment, right of estimate, jurisdictional law and territorial supremacy are intimately connected. In their various bearings they are engaging a large share of the attention of the writers of the various States. From the Pacific across the Rocky Mountains, echoing the everlasting truth from canyon to canyon, and from peak to peak, reverberates the infallible back to the Atlantic—the majesty of the right of individual conscience and judgment by personal examination, that gift of gifts that binds the human with the divine by possession, and marks the line between man and the other works of the Creator.

"The declaration that the truth is in the sole keeping of a particular jurisdiction, whose standard of qualification must, upon presentation, be accepted everywhere at the rating at which they have established it, appears to be of similar value with the Shapira manuscript and Moabitish stone, with the same tendency, that of injuring the standing of their 'curiosity shops in Jerusalem.'"

We must confess that the above is, as they say down South, "a touch above our parsimmon;" that is to say, our giant intellect cannot grasp the idea, "*because a certain one does not believe, that does not affect the value of fact.*" Does Comp. EDWARDS mean to say that we are unique in our non-belief? If so, he has read the reports of our contemporaries to little purpose. We will venture to say that, in the United States, at least two-thirds of the writers on correspondence coincide with our ideas on this point. Again he says: "Nor does restriction by Constitution destroy an inherent right by office having an existence before the Constitution was framed." To this we answer that the monarchs of England once had the right to make any of their subjects a head shorter at will, but when a Constitution was adopted, this little amusement of theirs was restricted by its provisions. Does Comp. EDWARDS mean to assert that Her Majesty, VICTORIA, *Dei gratia* Queen of England and Empress of India, has the right to exercise the prerogative *enjoyed* by her predecessors before the days of the written Constitution, of chopping off the head of Mr. GLADSTONE, her Prime Minister? She might, and possibly would, from all accounts, be very glad to do so, but it is just possible that the strict constructionist of the Constitution might object, and plead that Her Majesty, as well as the humblest of her subjects, was amenable to the plain provisions of that instrument. Again he says: "The very attempt in the Constitution to prevent, absolutely proves the existence of the claim, which may be put to the proof some day by an incumbent who, having a little more dash of independence, fears not to assert his rights." A good many years ago we had, in California, a Grand Master who had this "dash of independence," and attempted to assert this so-called right, but the Grand Lodge made it so "warm" for him that neither he, nor any of his successors, ever repeated the attempt. The

divine right of Kings and the inherent prerogatives of Grand Masters are obsolete doctrines, and the sooner Comp. EDWARDS acknowledges this fact the sooner he will be in harmony with the spirit of the age in which we live.

He quotes at great length, and seemingly with approval, our remarks upon non-affiliation, and with reference to the sums expended by our Masonic Board of Relief, he says:—

"The figures contained in the above paragraph tell their own story, which it might not be out of place to commend to the consideration of those who, always ready to give to a sojourner the address of some other brother, keep their own wealth at so great a distance from the surface that two brethren with a charity line forty miles long, operating the same with a windlass, could not reach a single quarter for the purpose of relief."

In closing he says:—

"It was a great disappointment to the writer that as the time advanced to the day appointed for the setting forth of the pilgrims to the city of the Triennial occasion, the impossibility of participating became more and more apparent. One of the unrealized anticipations of pleasure was that of meeting the three C's—California's Correspondent CASWELL. The meeting may occur on this sphere yet, but should it become an occurrence of the hereafter, if he, Fluellen-like, will wear the triple numeral, and walk in the key-note of its music, the writer will challenge it in friendship."

And we will heartily respond in the same spirit, provided our esteemed companion does not claim our friendship as his prerogative, or ante-constitutional right.

Under the head of Colorado, we extract the following:—

"On the subject of unaffiliation, the ground is taken that 'the status ought to be determined everywhere by the rule adopted in the jurisdiction from which the unaffiliate hails.' Why? Will some one who champions this view please give just one good reason why such a standard should exist when in most of the relations in life the opposite course is pursued? Does not the merchant who confers the credit estimate the worth? Do not they of the learned professions examine the coin paid them by the patient and client? In what business relation is the practice admitted that the estimate of value is accorded entirely to the recipient and the conferrer ignored? What becomes of the non-intercourse doctrine? If the principle holds that a Mason must be taken at the value at which he passes current in the jurisdiction whence he comes, how refuse fellowship to those hailing from France at the present time? In the United States, French Masons are tabooed—upon whose estimate of value their's where they are in good standing, or upon the estimate of Masons of America? Are they taken at the standard erected there, or here, where they may be sojourning? Does the certificate of good and regular standing with which they may be armed, avail? Then what becomes of this *take me at my own value* doctrine?"

A dollar bill may be worth its face in Maine or Massachusetts that in California would not purchase a glass of lager.

We leave this excellent report with great regret, for there are but few points of difference between its author and ourself, and there are many things in it we would gladly notice, but we are admonished that time flies, and many others yet claim our attention.

This jurisdiction has thirty-six subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 2,519.

The M. E. ARCHIBALD J. WARK was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held in the city of Albany on the sixth day of February, 1883,—the M. E. JAMES D. POLLARD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a somewhat lengthy, but ably written paper, and contains much valuable information to the Craft. We extract the following from his exordium:—

"When the mighty struggle which gave our country birth and endowed us with the liberty we to-day enjoy had barely closed, and at the very time when our ancestors were engaged in the work of designing and putting into operation the system of free government which is now our delight and the admiration of the world, even then they found time, out of their great love for our institution, to organize our Grand Chapter, and in each year to meet to protect its interests and promote its prosperity, when such gathering involved a sacrifice of personal interests of which we, in these times, can have but a faint idea; and so down through all the succeeding years, whether in prosperity or adversity, in good or in evil report, strong hands encouraged by willing hearts have always been found to carry forward and upward the banner of 'Holiness to the Lord' and to make the growth and standing of this Grand Chapter worthy of the great commonwealth in which its jurisdiction lies.

"We of this day and age are apt to pride ourselves on the growth of intelligence and the advance of science in our era, and on the marvelous inventions with which men are constantly surprising and benefiting their fellow men; but despite all these things I warn you, *M. E.* companions, here at the beginning of your labors, that you have no light task before you to present as good and true work and to furnish as shapely and durable material for the continued building up of this Grand Chapter as has been furnished in the past; and that intelligence and science will prove but delusious and broken reeds if you do not lean on the same all-powerful arm and look for guidance to the same source whence came the strength and wisdom which enabled those who have gone before us to secure to their successors such lasting and beneficial results. Committing ourselves therefore to the care and guidance of God, whose blessing we have just so solemnly invoked at our sacred altar, let us turn our thoughts to the careful consideration of those matters which, in the interests of the Royal Craft, demand our attention at this time."

He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of *M. E.* Comp. BOWER, and the jewels and altar of the Grand Chapter were, by his direction, draped in mourning during the Convocation. The deaths of several other noted companions are also appropriately noticed. A large number of special dispensations for sundry purposes are reported. We note the following decisions:—

"That where a companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues wishes to be restored, if there is no provision on the subject in the by-laws of the Chapter, dues can properly be demanded only to the date of such suspension.

"That the degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates under the forms and authority of the Chapter, whether such candidates are or are not Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

"That a Chapter cannot be called from labor to refreshment from one Convocation to another, but must be regularly opened and closed at each Convocation.

"That a Chapter cannot receive and act upon the petition of a companion for affiliation while he is a member of another Chapter, but that his dimit must accompany the petition for affiliation.

"That where the High Priest of a Chapter is present in a Lodge at the time of the suspension of a brother, who is also a member of the Chapter, such personal knowledge is sufficient to authorize and require him to exclude such companion from all Chapter privileges; and that a Convocation of a Chapter at which only nine were present, one of whom was a companion so known to be suspended in the Lodge, would be irregular and its proceedings void.

"That when a companion of this jurisdiction has been unaffiliated by his Lodge for the non-payment of dues, his membership in the Chapter is not thereby affected until such time as proof of the fact shall be made in the manner prescribed by General Regulation No. 1; that is, until the certificate of the Lodge, authenticated by its seal and the signature of its Secretary, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Chapter.

"That it is proper for a Chapter to furnish to the Recorder of a Commandery of Knights Templar a certificate of the suspension of companions (who are also members of said Commandery) for non-payment of dues, it being only an extension to the Commandery of the courtesy extended to and accepted by us from the Lodge.

"That a companion who has taken a dimit, and is not a member of any Chapter, cannot be appointed as Tyler of a Chapter.

"That when a companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders the amount due and asks for a dimit, he is by such tender restored to membership and is entitled to a dimit unless charges are preferred.

"That where a Chapter has expelled an unaffiliated companion from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry for unmaasonic conduct, they have power by a regular course of procedure to restore such companion to his former status."

Two petitions for dispensations to form new Chapters were refused on the ground that the Grand High Priest was unable to satisfy himself that efficient and successful Chapters could be maintained at the points named.

His loyalty and devotion to the General Grand Chapter cannot be doubted, for he says :—

"The unswerving loyalty of the Grand Chapter of New York to the General Grand Chapter has been known and unquestioned in past years, and I trust will so continue in the future, ever paying to that Body the respect and obedience due to our official superior, which can always be done without in any way infringing our rights and privileges or derogating from our dignity, as the sovereign authority within our own jurisdiction.

"If the General Grand Chapter had never accomplished any other good than the bringing together, every three years, of the Officers of the Grand Chapters of the several States in social communion, its existence would be amply justified; but when its long and interesting record of good and true work for the Royal Craft is considered, from its first meeting in 1798 down to our own day, never attempting to tear down existing Grand Chapters, but year after year building up new ones and clothing them with sovereignty, to enable them to carry forward to complete success the work so well begun by the parent Body, and at every Triennial Convocation drawing more closely the several State Grand Chapters with the bonds of love and harmony, it seems very strange to me that any voice should ever be lifted to question its value or dispute its authority.

"While the forthcoming session will not probably be as important as were those of 1877 and 1880, yet, as the recognized final authority, its Triennials will always be of interest and value, and although the journey to the new Golden State seems a long one, I sincerely hope that the representatives of the Grand Chapter of New York will be found in their places doing all in their power to maintain the present high standard of the General Grand Chapter, and to render it, if possible, even more worthy of our love and obedience than in the past."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the treasury of \$3,721 15.

"Comp. LEVER of the Special Committee appointed to prepare a history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendation adopted :

"*To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York :*

"The Committee appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter to make collections and prepare a history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, respectfully report :

"That they have made every reasonable effort to perform the duty committed to them, but much to their regret they have been unable to obtain from the companion who holds them, the documents necessary for the intended purpose. They therefore ask the adoption of the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter take such steps as may be necessary to obtain and place in the hands of your committee all books, papers and documents, the property of the Grand Chapter, necessary to carry out the object of the resolution adopted February 2d, 1881, relating to the subject."

The Report on Correspondence is from the genial pen of Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN, and as usual is full of interesting information and kindly criticism. In his opening remarks he says :—

"Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, the largest jurisdiction in the Union, we can say, 'Peace dwelleth within her borders and prosperity within her walls.' The annual convocation of this Grand Chapter was harmonious and pleasant. M. E. Comp. WOODRUFF, Grand High Priest, ended a most successful and satisfactory administration with the respect and esteem of his companions, and the badge of authority, the gavel, passed to the hands of the worthy Deputy High Priest, with entire unanimity and the hearty good will of the whole Body. And thus once again was this Grand Chapter put in working order for another year. Leaving her to do her work and to perform her mission, we turn to read, study and review the proceedings of other jurisdictions."

California receives a kindly notice. We were not aware that Comp. OGDEN had ever visited our jurisdiction, but such appears to be the fact, as he says :—

"We always take up the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Golden State with pleasure. We like California, not alone because of the treasures hid away in her rocks, and rich placers scattered through her valleys and hills, but be-

cause of its grand old mountains and its natural wonders, and above all for its warm-hearted people, their enterprise and business activity. We have also a very pleasing recollection of a journey made more than a quarter of a century ago to this wonderful State—it was a glorious trip, in April, just after the rainy season, and the memories of it are still fresh. Now we were rushing over the plains and the homes of the little gophers, who by thousands stood guard on or near their homes; and then over the rivers and with the Digger Indian, the worst specimen of humanity found on earth; and then through a camp or village of Chinese; and again, behind a mule and cart entering the very bowels of a hill or mountain, where the delvers for gold had made an opening; and then again, watching the washing down of a mountain, or the operating of a sluice to wash out the earth in order to gather and retain the little particles of gold which permeated the soil; or else stopping by the side of a rude mill and water power to witness the crushing of gold-bearing rock. All these scenes and a thousand others come vividly before us now, and bring with them so many pleasant recollections of that ride in 1854 through California, the Proceedings of whose Grand Royal Arch Chapter we now sit down to review. Pardon this digression; but that ride is a green spot in our memory. How it may be now we would like to know by another visit; we presume the four-horse coach with its Jehu driver has given place to the locomotive; for we recollect as we came down from the hills to Sacramento, we heard again, for the first time in years, for we had been far away at sea, the whistle of the locomotive then at work on the first railroad in that State. So much for this digression, and now for the Masonic side of the picture. We found, everywhere on our journey, both on the sea and on the land, on the ocean islands and amid the cities and towns of California, Free and Accepted Masons, and everywhere, on all occasions, we were greeted as, and had the welcome of, a brother and companion, and at times we were succored in distress and comforted in trial and affliction, and thus was demonstrated the universality of Masonry, and we practically realized its virtue, its brotherhood, its ability to act and afford relief at all times and in all places.

"The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME, is full, giving a resumé of official acts during the year, and is also replete with good suggestions and observations touching the condition, the workings, and the prospects of the Royal Craft."

He alludes to the action taken by our Grand Chapter in the Tunis case and thinks it one of doubtful propriety. We concur, but if Comp. OGDEN will read the explanation made in our last report he will understand that the case was an exceptional one.

Under the head of "Iowa" he quotes the following query, which with the decision thereon he thinks is rather peculiar:—

"Has a Chapter the right to demand pay for conferring degrees for another Chapter, and, if yes, how much?"

"Answer—They are entitled to pay for their work. (?) One-sixth of the full amount charged for the six degrees by the Chapter conferring the degrees, for each degree they confer."

Upon this he comments as follows:—

"To us the funny part of this decision consists in the number of degrees. We had been taught and so learned that in Royal Arch Masonry there were only four degrees. Where, then, did Iowa get six, and by what authority? If Iowa could add two degrees, then it may add twice two, or as many as it might desire. If such a rule is right, where is the end to be, and when will the multiplication of degrees cease? If the two Cryptic degrees are those which go to make up the six degrees of the Iowa Chapters, then they are not recognized as regular degrees by the General Grand Chapter. True, we may be told, as we have been told in the Report on Correspondence: 'Iowa knows her rights, and, knowing, dares maintain them'—a most excellent maxim, and the State of Iowa does well to place it on her escutcheon and make it her motto; but we would suggest that neither Iowa Royal Arch Masons, nor Royal Arch Masons of any other separate State jurisdiction, have a right to create, manufacture, or adopt degrees and call them Royal Arch degrees; nor have they any right to call the 'Royal and Select Master' degrees Chapter degrees, any more than they would have a right to go back and include the three symbolic degrees, or go forward and take the Templar degrees, or those of the Scottish Rite, and call them Chapter degrees and confer them in Chapters; and, having no right to do any of these things, of course they have no right to maintain them. A Chapter doing these things would not be a 'Royal Arch Chapter,' and any other Chapter, Grand or subordinate, would have a right to declare it irregular, and refuse to hold intercourse with it.

"Better adhere to and practice the Mississippi plan—improvise Councils and

confer the degrees as Council degrees on Royal Arch Masons, and not as Royal Arch Chapter degrees."

Under the head of Oregon he says:—

"We would not wonder if Comp. PATTON got a bitter dose of 'butternut bark,' or something worse, next year. One thing we regard as quite certain, that Comps. DRUMMOND and DADMAN will have to give up and fall into line, for, after all, suspension is suspension, with all its consequences, whether for one cause or another. We have leaned towards Maine and Massachusetts on this subject, but there is no use in splitting hairs about it. We must seek relief and cure by adopting some rule or practice which will reduce the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. We hope that at the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter this subject will be considered and some satisfactory rule adopted."

Comp. PATTON is well able to take care of himself, and take butternut tea without flinching. We are with Comp. PATTON; we believe we are right, and not even the four D's can ply us with "butternut bark" sufficient to turn us from our purpose.

We thought the "MORGAN" affair was tolerably dead and at rest, even in New York, where it originated; but it appears that, like BANQUO's ghost, it will not down. Comp. OGDEN, in his "conclusion," says:—

"In our own jurisdiction a small speck has appeared upon the horizon, doubtless intended to awaken and breed a storm, but which has not become so large even as 'a man's hand,' and which has disappeared, leaving a clear and serene sky, full of promise of calm and content for the future. We refer to an effort to revamp and revive the old MORGAN story of more than half a century ago; but the effort, though embellished with affidavit, and a widely-spread post-mortem publication, fell abortive and stillborn, exciting in the public feeling apparently nothing but contempt. Although artfully called and bidden, the fell spirit of anti-masonic hate and animosity refused to come forth; and the only effect has been to demonstrate the fact that Freemasonry has the confidence and esteem of the public, and that the bitter strife and hatred of the past cannot be resurrected.

"In this connection we here give the official proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York at the Convocation held February 10, 1827—not so much as a vindication of the Royal Arch Masons of the State, as an authoritative and official expression of the feelings and sentiments, expressed at the first opportunity after the infamous charge of aiding and abetting in the abduction and murder had been made and promulgated. These grand principles and noble sentiments, uttered more than fifty years ago, are none the less true now than they were in 1827; they inhere in the very system and nature of Free and Accepted Masonry, and are the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. They form the base and are the key to the solid and imperishable arch upon which in security and safety the great Fraternity rests, at all times, amid all trials, and under all circumstances, and which will continue to uphold it in the future, as it did and has upborn and vindicated amid the fierce storms and vindictive hatred and opposition of the past.

"IN GRAND CHAPTER.

"FEBRUARY 6, 1827.

"Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in the Royal Arch degree.

"*Present:* Officers and members as before.

"On motion of Comp. JOHNSON, it was

"*Resolved,* That a committee of seven members be appointed to report what measures are proper to be adopted, relative to the affair of WILLIAM MORGAN.

"Comps. RICHARD PENNELL, BENJAMIN P. JOHNSON, JACOB GOULD, CORNELIUS MASTEN, RICHARD L. SMITH, N. F. BECK, and DANIEL WHITE were appointed said committee.

"FEBRUARY 10, 1827.

"The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

"*Present:* Officers and members as before.

"The committee appointed by resolution of the Grand Chapter, on the affair of WILLIAM MORGAN, made the following report, which was accepted, and the preambles and resolution adopted:—

"That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and that from the highly agitated and inflamed state of public feeling on this subject, and from the false and undeserved imputations which have been thrown upon Freemasons and the Masonic

Order generally, your committee deem it proper that this Grand Chapter should make a public expression of its sentiments in relation to the affair alluded to. Your committee, as expressive of their views on this subject, would offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following:—

“WHEREAS, The rights of personal liberty and security are guaranteed by the free Constitution under which we, the members of this Grand Chapter, in common with the rest of our fellow-citizens, have the happiness to live; and,

“WHEREAS, We esteem the preservation of these rights of vital importance to the perpetuity and full enjoyment of the blessings of our Republican institutions; and

“WHEREAS, The community has lately witnessed a violation of the same under the alleged pretext of the Masonic name and sanction, in the case of WILLIAM MORGAN; and

“WHEREAS, The principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity contain nothing which, in the slightest degree, justify or authorize such proceedings, but, on the contrary, do, in all their tenets and ceremonies, encourage and inculcate a just submission to the laws, the enjoyment of equal rights by every individual, and a high and elevated spirit of personal as well as national independence; therefore,

“Resolved, By this Grand Chapter, that we, its members, individually and as a body, do disclaim all knowledge or approbation of the said proceedings in relation to the abduction of said WILLIAM MORGAN; and that we disapprove of the same as a violation of the majesty of the laws and an infringement of the rights of personal liberty secured to every citizen of our free and happy republic.”

“Here we rest the case and are content to abide the result. There is nothing in the spirit, the purposes, the tenets, obligations or teachings of Masonry which would or could encourage, give aid or comfort, sympathy or support to crime, in any form or of any kind, or shield from just punishment its perpetrators. Free Masonry does inculcate charity, relief, unity and brotherhood; it does call into being and incite to action the higher and better qualities of man; it does minister to the wants of the needy and suffering; does shield and sustain the weak, helpless and innocent; but nowhere and in nothing, neither at the altar nor in the sanctuary, neither in lecture nor in obligation, neither by precept, by example, by tie nor promise, does it tolerate, sanction, incite, permit or encourage wrong doing or crime against law or society, or public or private rights. However misguided and fallible the weak and over-zealous may at times be, their words or deeds in no way impair or disturb the truth and substance of our statement; and here we are content to rest the question and leave the craft, entirely confident that it will outlive every storm and in the end overcome every opposing obstacle and prove itself worthy of the esteem and confidence of the true and good. In the past the great, the best, most loved and honored of earth have reverently bowed at its altars, assumed its vows, adhered to and inculcated its precepts, practiced its virtues and been faithful to its obligations, and so will they continue to do so long as truth, fraternity and good-will shall abide among men.”

There are several Chapters in this jurisdiction, but we have no time to count the number. The aggregate membership is reported at 15,159. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Raleigh on the fifteenth day of May, 1883,—the M. E. JAMES SOUTHWATE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DONALD W. BAIN being Grand Secretary. Among the list of Grand Officers we notice seven *pro-tems*. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an excellent Address, from which we make the following selections:—

“As a people we have much for which to be grateful. The earth has bountifully yielded her increase, whereby the husbandman has been made glad, and all professions and callings have felt the effects of general prosperity. Would that we could chronicle the same happy results of the past year for our Grand Body!

“But, companions, gloomy as the prospect is, we are somewhat advanced beyond the point at which we were at the close of the last Masonic year. The outlook is more hopeful. Our list of subordinates has been increased by one new Chapter; some of the old have been renewed and are now in good working condition, and yet others which had apparently become weary of life—almost ready to give up the ghost—have been refreshed and are now treading the old paths with seeming vigor,

redoubling their energies, determined to bear their part in 'rebuilding the house of the Lord.' Let us, then, take courage and press forward, for we have the assurance that 'in due season we shall reap if we faint not.' Rough and rugged may be the way, obstacles may impede our progress, dangers seen and unseen may threaten, hunger and thirst may bring even death before our eyes, but if faithful, we shall soon 'arrive in sight of the ruined walls of Jerusalem and the glistening tents of our brethren.' We do look for a bright future for our Royal Craft in this State, and God grant the day dawn may soon be upon us and the sun of prosperity arise to gladden our hearts."

The "grim messenger" had passed them by, and no member of the Grand Chapter had been summoned to take up his work for inspection.

One dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted.

He discusses at great length the question of non-affiliation, and quotes the majority and minority reports of the New York committee; after which he says:—

"If in your wisdom you shall decide that a dimitted Master Mason is an unaffiliated Mason and not in good standing, then the question as to the time he may remain dimitted has very little weight, and a conclusion can be sooner reached by simply passing a resolution to the effect that when a Master Mason severs his relation with the Blue Lodge he must be dismembered from the Chapter. If, on the other hand, you shall consider one dimitted for good cause to be in good standing as one stricken from the roll in the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, then he will be eligible not only to the degrees but to membership in the Chapter."

We note the following decisions:—

"On the thirteenth of April, 1883, Comp. F. H. GLOVER, Secretary of *Charlotte Chapter, No. 39*, submitted the following and asked my decision thereon:—

"A party comes from another State into this State. He has not been in the State twelve months, but has been made a Master Mason since he came into this State. If he applies to a Chapter to be exalted a Royal Arch Mason, can a Chapter entertain a petition before he has been in the State twelve months? Can you grant a special dispensation waiving a twelve months' residence for reception of petition by a Chapter in such a case? Please answer."

"I decided that if the petitioner had been made a Master Mason without a special dispensation from the Grand Master, he was illegally made, and as Royal Arch Masons we could not become *particeps criminis*, and therefore we would not be willing to grant a dispensation should one be applied for. If the brother be healed by special dispensation of the Grand Master, then he may take the Royal Arch degree. By reference to our remarks under the head of dispensations, you will see that the brother was so healed, and being a Master Mason in good standing, a dispensation was granted allowing the Chapter to entertain his petition. When the case was first presented we did not think the Grand Master could, by dispensation, set aside this one of the fundamental laws of the Grand Lodge, for, among the powers and privileges of the Grand Master, we find that he can dispense with the 'one month's previous notice,' but not with the twelve months' residence. On investigation, however, we find that by almost common consent this additional prerogative is conferred in very many of the States. We must, however, dissent from this practice as dangerous, for two reasons: First, we have no right to use the material from another State in which there is a Grand Lodge without the consent of the Lodge or Grand Lodge having jurisdiction; and, second, the twelve months' residence has ever been considered short time enough in which to become thoroughly acquainted with those who seek admission into our Order. We give these views to show that however much we may have been opposed to the manner of his making, yet this petitioner had been healed by the proper authority, and hence we had no right to go behind this to enquire how he had been made, but simply has he been regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason."

He closes with the following peroration:—

"Companions, you have an account of our official acts as Grand High Priest during the past year. They are before you for inspection. The work has been light, but our heart has been in it, and with many regrets that our labors have not been crowned with greater success, we now return the emblem of authority with which, through your kindness, we were invested two years ago. We return most hearty thanks to all for the exalted honors conferred, the kind consideration shown, and the valuable assistance received from many of our distinguished companions. Especially would we refer to our Grand Secretary, who, though not robust in body, is powerful in labors, and who has been always ready with willing mind to attend to any business pertaining to his office or that of the Grand High Priest, which came within the range of his ability."

In reviewing the field we see some signs of advancement, and we take courage, still hoping on and hoping ever that the time may come in our day when every village and county in our State will have an altar dedicated to our Royal Arch rite, and as the shepherd's horn is made to peal forth 'Praise ye the Lord' from mountain top to mountain top and resound through the valleys of Switzerland when the day is past, so may our anthem 'Holiness to the Lord' echo and re-echo through our beloved State, until this Grand Jurisdiction shall be elevated to a high plane of prosperity inferior to none, the peer of any."

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand, \$146 38.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That, in view of the report of the committee of this Grand Body that the joint committee representing the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, could not agree upon any recommendation to this Grand Body on the subject of consolidating the two systems, this Grand Body will receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master under its jurisdiction if requested to do so by the Grand Council.

"*Resolved*, That the four principal officers of this Grand Body and the three principal officers of the Grand Council, said Grand Council assenting, be appointed a joint committee to agree upon the terms of transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Grand Chapter, and that their action shall be final."

We are sorry to see this action on the part of our companions of North Carolina. We had hoped there would be no further converts to the Mississippi abortion, especially as Mississippi herself is heartily disgusted with the brat of her own breeding. We trust the "sober second thought will convince our companions that it is better to render unto CÆSAR the things that are CÆSAR's, and let the Council degrees severely alone.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. J. I. MACKS, who reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Bodies, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. This is Comp. MACKS' first attempt at a Report on Correspondence, and for an "Entered Apprentice" he has done remarkably well. We hold out to him the right hand of fellowship and bid him welcome to the jolly guild. California for 1881-82 receives fraternal notice, and the report of the undersigned is mentioned in flattering terms, for which we return thanks.

There are seventeen subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an estimated membership of 902.

The M. E. EUGENE GRISSOM was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. DONALD W. BAIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Halifax on the sixth day of June, 1882,—the M. E. JAMES GOSSIP, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE T. SMITHERS being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented,

The Grand High Priest in his Address says :—

"The Royal Arch Body in the jurisdiction as a whole is not in that flourishing condition that is desired by its well wishers, although there are several individual Chapters in connection with us which are notable exceptions of this statement. There appears on the part of a very small minority of subordinates for the past two or three years a spirit of lethargy and carelessness which might have been easily thrown off if those who had been put in the position of rulers of their several organizations had shown more aptitude and zeal, and a desire to advance the interests of their several Chapters."

He concludes that carelessness and indifference on the part of the principal officers of the Chapters has been the cause of that want of healthfulness which might have been kept up if these companions had been prompted by a sense of their duty to their respective bodies.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in his hands of \$228 29.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"That it shall be compulsory that every Mark Master Mason advanced to that degree, to duly record his mark in the Lodge Book of Marks, previous to his exaltation to the Royal Arch degree.

"Also, a resolution, under notice of motion, by R. E. Comp. GEORGE T. SMITHES, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. WILLIAMS, was on motion adopted:—

"That it shall hereafter be competent for Lodges to be called and opened for the purpose of conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master, at emergent meetings called therefor, without assembling the Chapter; *provided*, that no other business or work be done except that for which the said Lodge or Lodges shall be assembled and specially summoned to confer all or either of said degrees."

The fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at the same place on the fifth day of June, 1883.—Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary as before. Eight out of the eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we infer that the condition of the Craft in Nova Scotia is not entirely satisfactory, as some of the Chapters, he says, have sadly neglected the duty they owe to themselves and the Grand Chapter. He recommends that, as the state of the finances will not permit the publication of a Report on Correspondence, each Chapter agree to take a certain number of copies of the proceedings and pay for the same. This suggestion, however, does not appear to have been adopted, for in the "Committee of General Purposes"—

"The Grand Secretary reported that, owing to the fact that the funds of Grand Chapter had been absorbed in settling back debts, no funds were available to print the Report on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by him; and that he would have to relegate the document to the archives as an evidence to future ages that the Grand Secretary's sanctum was paved with good intentions."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$158 59.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says:—

"As regards our own jurisdiction, we are making slow but increasing progress, not generally, but in as far as our best Chapters make such; in fact, the material progress has been in reality confined to the ability, zeal and industry of about half of the numerical strength of the Chapters on our roll, as a reference to our statistics of the past few years will demonstrate. The Grand Chapter should seriously consider the causes from which so much actual apathy arises, and in their good judgment endeavor to devise some means to overcome the inertness so apparent in too many of our subordinates.

"I have no desire to trench upon the duties of others by bringing forward this important matter for consideration, but a desire for the promotion of the interests of this jurisdiction, prompted by zeal which I assume, perhaps presumptuously, that I possess, must be my best warrant and excuse, as from my outlook, as your official means of communication with our Chapter, apathy and indifference are only too apparent.

"Commencing in 1869 with only three Chapters, with a membership of only 143, and looking at our nominal roll of eleven Chapters, with a membership of 470 at present, I cannot but say that looking at the favorable position obtained for the first year or two by the remaining Chapters, as successively formed, that I am at a loss to account for the gradual diminution in membership therein, and the too evident want of zeal on the part of some of the Chapters referred to, some of whom are almost too indifferent to be allowed to exist. The older Chapters in Nova Scotia (forming the Grand Chapter at its organization) have held their ground well, mainly by the efforts of the good men and true, who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and whose efforts have kept their organizations in the right way. The other Chapters in this Province seem to have used up all the material around them *at once*, having done very little work since their organization, in marked contrast to the Chapters formed beyond the limits of Nova Scotia, viz: in Cape Breton, New Foundland and Prince Edward Island, the three youngest of our Chapters, whom, in common with the three older ones, really sustain the Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and apt to be credited with whatever such is due for the progress made in the Craft. The division of our jurisdiction in the Province proper has been carefully guarded to prevent any crowding of the field in which the several Chapters can both work and agree, and the dwindling down of membership as a rule can only be attributed to that apathy and indifference of those composing them, to which I have already referred to.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Past Grand High Priest JAMES GOS-
SIP upon his retiring from the Chair, for his past services in the interest of Royal
Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia. The eleven Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total
membership of 469.

A memorial page in the proceedings bears the following pleasant inscription :—

“As no deaths have occurred in our jurisdiction, our memorial page is a blank.”

The *M. E.* H. D. DE BLOIS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.*
GEORGE T. SMITHENS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the
city of Sandusky on the tenth day of October, 1883,—the *M. E.* DANIEL A. SCOTT,
Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES NESSITT being Grand Secretary.
A large number of subordinate Chapters were represented, but the exact number is
nowhere stated.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief and confined principally to
local affairs, but from it we extract the following bit of history :—

“The Grand Chapter of Ohio was organized on the twenty-fifth of October, 1816,
at the town of Worthington, by the representatives of three Chapters—there being
at that time but four in all the territory embraced within the present limits of this
Grand Jurisdiction.

“Those nine companions erected at that meeting a moral and social institution
that has proved itself able to withstand the shock of rude and fierce political excite-
ment, religious bigotry, and in numerous instances the social ostracism of its ad-
herents. But in all the opposition just alluded to, when at a time the mad and per-
verted passions of the multitude raged the fiercest, when the light in the sanctuary
of many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions burned low, flickered, and for a time was
extinguished, the Grand Chapter of Ohio, unawed by persecution and undismayed
by opposition and intolerance, pursued the even tenor of her way, and is now as-
sembled near her sixty-fifth natal day without a single omission in her Annual Com-
munication, and at this time embraces within her jurisdiction one hundred and fifty
subordinates, with an aggregate membership of ten thousand.

“Realizing, then, companions, that so goodly a heritage has been bequeathed to
us, let us by wise legislation prove ourselves worthy recipients, by transmitting un-
impaired to those who may come after us the great and important truths upon
which our Order is founded.”

Of the condition of the Craft he says :—

“So far as I have learned, the past year has been one of continued prosperity.
Peace and harmony has prevailed among your subordinates. Nor have I been
called upon in a single instance to settle differences between them. My advice has
been solicited upon several occasions of no great importance, and, so far as I have
learned, it has been cheerfully acquiesced in; I have, therefore, thought it not
worth while to call your attention to them. Your Constitution and Code seems to
be so well understood, and so loyally lived up to, that no very great difference of
opinion in relation to either is likely to arise.

“My executive duties during the year have been almost exclusively confined to
issuing dispensations for the election of officers in your subordinates at a time other
than that prescribed in your Code; and also for the installation of officers where the
ceremonies had not been performed within the legal limits. Satisfactory reasons
were always given for the omission, and the necessary dispensations were cheerfully
granted.”

With reference to the proficiency of candidates he says :—

“Companions, permit me again to call your attention to a subject referred to in
my last annual communication, namely, that a candidate be required to familiarize
himself with each preceding degree before he is permitted to advance higher.

“Under such a requirement we would have fewer but more intelligent Royal
Arch Masons. It has been well said that the true value of our mystic science is
not attributable to numerical force, but to the real worth, industry and intelligence
of our members. Numbers may come into our courts, and rally under our banners,
and yet be as unproductive as drones in the hive, and who, possessing neither in-
dustry or ambition, will never aspire to work off a single design from the trestle

"At your last annual meeting a committee was appointed to prepare lectures for the examination of candidates, and your representatives to the General Grand Chapter instructed to present its report for the consideration of that body, but in consequence of the early discharge of the Committee on Ritual no opportunity was offered for its presentation."

He attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Denver, and reports that no business of general interest was transacted; all its legislation was confined to subordinates owing immediate allegiance to it.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$3,787 84.

The legislation was purely local and of no interest to companions outside the jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence was again prepared by Comp. J. KELLY O'NEALL, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, and apologizes for the incompleteness of the work, which he says has been attended with difficulties and enforced delays over which he had no control. The Report, nevertheless, is a good one, and well and carefully prepared. We trust the "difficulties and enforced delays" will be swept from our companion's path during the ensuing year, and that his pen will be given full scope for his next Report. California for 1883 receives fraternal notice. In noticing the Address of Comp. PETRIE he says:—

"He reports having decided that 'a companion whose name is on the roll of the Chapter, but is a non-affiliated Master Mason, and is not contributing to any Lodge of Master Masons,' is, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, a suspended Mason, and is not entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Lodge; and that being thus suspended in his Lodge, suspends him in the Chapter also.

"This must result from a provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and upon that authority the Grand High Priest bases it, and not that membership in a Lodge is necessary to membership in the Chapter, or that dismission from the former, by its own force, destroys membership in the latter. If such be the provisions of the Constitution we submit, but still think that a Mason should be permitted to dimitt from one body without affecting his rights or standing in another."

The law of the Grand Chapter makes it a prerequisite that, to obtain and hold membership in the Chapters under its jurisdiction, the brother must be a Master Mason in good standing. The law of the Grand Lodge defines the standing of a Master Mason, and one who resides within the jurisdiction of a Lodge for the period of six months without affiliating, attempting to affiliate, or contributing to some Lodge an amount equivalent to its monthly dues, is declared to be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. It is not necessary that he be an actual member of a Lodge in order to retain his membership in the Chapter, but he must be a Master Mason in good standing, and if he does not choose to affiliate, he may make his standing good by paying to some Lodge an amount equivalent to its monthly dues, during the time he has resided within its jurisdiction; the idea being that every Mason, if able so to do, shall contribute his quota towards the general charities of the institution.

He says of our Report:—

"The Report is very full; the selections judicious; the opinions clearly and forcibly expressed, and are sound Masonry; and we have marked it liberally for quotation, but a further indulgence is incompatible with the limits we have prescribed for this Report."

There are one hundred and fifty subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 10,085.

The M. E. JOHN W. CHAMBERLIN was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JAMES NEBBITT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held in the city of Portland on the eighth day of June, 1883,—the M. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. R. P. EINHART being Grand Sec-

retary. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest in his Address says:—

"The past year has been to the Royal Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction one of uninterrupted peace and harmony. To my knowledge there has been no dissension among the workmen, but, on the contrary, the condition of our Order is such as to warrant a belief in its continued prosperity."

Owing to protracted illness in his family he was unable to visit but three of the Chapters. One dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted. The following decisions are reported:—

"Question 1. What effect has the lodging of objections to the advancement of a candidate after he has been elected and before he has received any of the degrees?

"To which I answered: the lodging of objections to the advancement of a candidate after he has been elected, and before he has received any of the degrees, has the same effect as a black ball and no more.

"Question 2. When a newly elected High Priest is installed does not a companion who has formally lodged objections with the Past High Priest against the advancement of an elected candidate have to renew his objections? If not, how is the new High Priest to know objections have been lodged?

"To which I answered, No. The records of the Chapter should show that objections had been lodged; and any companion who was aware of that fact would be derelict in his duty should he allow the newly installed High Priest to confer the degrees on the rejected candidate without first informing him that objections had been lodged.

Appropriate mention was made of the death of the late *M. E.* General Grand High Priest, Comp. R. F. BOWEN, and a mourning page in the proceedings is inscribed to his memory.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1,254 92.

The Committee on Grievance found nothing to do. We find but little in the proceedings to attract attention or call for comment, and we turn gladly to the Report on Correspondence by our old friend and companion, T. McF. PATTON, where the situation is reversed; for here we find plenty of subjects to attract the attention and abundant food for comment. Comp. PATTON begins his report with a quasi apology:—

"Your committee enter upon the discharge of their duties with many misgivings as to the outcome. The proceedings of many jurisdictions came to us very late, while some very important ones have not made their appearance even at this writing. Our printer is clamoring for 'copy,' and sending us postals, reminding us that 'time is swiftly passing,' just as if we did not realize that fact. In former years, at this date, our report was in the hands of the printer and well advanced towards completion. We must, therefore, in order to appease the voracious appetite of Himes the Printer, grind out our little grist of Masonic news with more haste than usual. We commence with a review of such proceedings as we have received, hoping as we advance others will drop in and fill the vacant places.

"If we can manage to accelerate our speed, and thus gain on our printer, we may furnish, as heretofore, compilations on special subjects; if we do, such as we prepare, must, of necessity, appear at the close of our separate review of each jurisdiction."

The proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters are reviewed, including California for 1882. As usual, California gets a first rate notice from this genial reporter, who says:—

"From this jurisdiction we have a volume of one hundred and seventy-five pages, well filled, handsomely gotten up, and neat and tidy in appearance.

"Companion HENRY SAYRE ORME, of Los Angeles, one of the weary pilgrims of 1880, 'the plains across,' wielded the sceptre as Grand High Priest. His address to his companions in Grand Chapter assembled, is one of merit, and is characteristic of the man—full of energy and enthusiasm.

He then quotes from Comp. ORME's Address relative to the condition of Capitular Masonry, and comments as follows:—

"Our distinguished companion gives utterance to many plain, practical truths in regard to symbolic, as well as Capitular Masonry. For instance: He insists that

grave dangers threaten, by reason of being too popular. The modern spirit of 'progress' demands admission to our *Ancient Order*. Something new must be added to make it draw—insurance feature, or something that has pay attached."

Again he says :—

"The special committee in their report on the Grand High Priest's Address say, 'they have not time at their disposal to do justice to the merits of a companion who has made a most excellent, industrious and painstaking officer.' May his zeal and enthusiastic devotion to Royal Arch Masonry be emulated by his successors in office.

"We must confess our surprise at the action of the committee, and the concurrence therein by the Grand Chapter, declaring that a ballot upon an unfavorable report was unnecessary. The Grand High Priest was right when he declared a ballot absolutely necessary, whether the report be favorable or unfavorable. No High Priest is justified in declaring a candidate rejected when no ballot has been passed. The American practice we believe to be in accordance with the decision of the Grand High Priest, viz.: that a ballot must be spread."

The committee under the present law were correct; albeit we have never been able to concur in the decision of Grand Master PRATT which, having been approved by the Grand Lodge, became the law of this jurisdiction. We have always held that a ballot should be spread in all cases: it is the body which rejects an applicant and not a committee of the body.

He alludes to the TUNIS expulsion, which has drawn forth so much adverse criticism, and says :—

"Our natural impulse is to endorse the action of the Grand Chapter, yet good, cool, deliberate judgment would prompt us to say that the substitute was the true Masonic course to follow. No doubt substantial justice was done, and the companion deserved all he got. And we might add that the Grand Chapter, constituted as it is, is a better qualified tribunal to judge of the enormity of the offense than any Chapter in the jurisdiction, yet formal charges and trial would have placed the matter beyond question."

As a general rule we concur; but this was an exceptional case, and one in which our Grand Chapter, knowing all the aggravating circumstances of the case, and having the power, chose to exercise it summarily, with, as we believe, benefit to the Craft.

Of our report of that year he says :—

"As usual, Companion THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary, presents the Report on Correspondence, and as usual it is brimful of interesting matter. He never fails to come to time. Whenever he gets punched in the ribs, he recovers his wind and goes for the other fellow with all the vim and vigor of a professional, 'and don't you forget it.'

He copies some of our squibs in answer to Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, which seem to please him, as he is generally in accord with us upon the questions at issue between us and that illustrious companion. Under the head of Maine he quotes the following from Comp. DRUMMOND to Comp. HONOR, of Louisiana :—

"We want him to know that there is no jurisdiction in which a Mason can not be disciplined for non-payment of dues without a regular trial. In Maine, in all the bodies, one alleged to be in arrears must be notified to appear and answer to the charge. The service of the notice must be proved, and whether he appears or not, the allegation must be proved, and if proved, he may be suspended from or deprived of membership. So, Companion HONOR, don't include Maine in your just philippics against punishment without trial."

Upon which Comp. PATTON retorts :—

"Just so, Judge. Has a regular trial—duly notified—allegation proved—suspended or deprived of membership :—and yet his standing is not affected—a 'good injun' still! Who dare question this mode of procedure, when it has stood on our statute book for a hundred years or more?

"We have examined this report with care, read it over and over, so that we might not misunderstand his position. It is elaborate in defense of his hobbies, to which we have referred, and but little space is devoted to other matters. We hope that this question will be considered and settled at the coming convocation of the

General Grand Chapter, and then, perhaps, we will hear from Companion DRUMMOND and others on questions in the discussion of which there will be more harmony."

Under the head of "A Few Words on an Old Question" he preaches a brief sermon, which we propose to reproduce for the benefit of our companions:—

"In the discussion which has prevailed during the past few years on the question of suspension from membership for non-payment of dues, much has been said in regard to the system of dues generally. It is claimed that in 'Ancient Masonry,'—the Masonry of our fathers—that such things as 'Lodge dues' were entirely unknown, and that they are of modern origin and have no place in the original plan of Masonry. Admit all this to be literally true, what does it signify? If the Masons of to-day met in the same places which it is claimed our ancient brethren did, on 'the high hills and low valleys,' and had no greater demands upon our purse than they did, we could well afford to practice 'Ancient Masonry,' in this respect even in these degenerate days. We might as well argue that because Solomon, king of Israel, our first most excellent Grand Master, enjoyed the society of 'seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines,' that every Mason of modern times should be required to maintain and support an equal number; or, we might with equal propriety, argue, and even insist, that because John the Baptist, one of the patron saints of Masonry, lived on locusts and wild honey and preached 'the kingdom of heaven' at hand, to the benighted denizens of the wilderness of Judea, clothed in a single raiment of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins, therefore it is right and proper that our reverend companions, JOHN W. DADMUN, LANSING BURROWS, F. A. BLADES, H. A. M. HENDERSON and others, should preach the glad tidings of the gospel of peace to their fellow men under the same condition.

"Thirty-five years ago, as a school-boy in western Ohio, we attended school in a little log house, and sat on the soft side of a slab and read from an old English reader. To-day our children attend school in a house supplied with all the modern appliances, in a country three thousand miles away from the scenes of former days, and, like the 'Lodge dues' of ancient times, was a country entirely unknown.

Thirty years ago we petitioned for and received the degrees of Masonry, in *Salem Lodge, No. 4*, of the city of Salem. The Lodge-room of that day was a low, dingy, poorly ventilated hall, in an attic, carpeted with a sawdust carpet, containing a rudely constructed altar and jewels plain and neat, but not gaudy, manufactured from the best of tin.

In later years these plain equipments have given way to 'a new order of things.' In lieu of low, dingy and poorly ventilated Lodge-rooms, we now have spacious halls, with ample room—some have frescoed walls, pleasing and attractive to the eye, with an elevator to transport those attending to the very door of the Lodge-room.

Well, you ask, what has this to do with the question of Lodge dues? We say, in reply, merely to remind you that we live in a progressive age. Doubtless some of you have heard at some period of your Masonic career, that Masonry is a progressive science." When our companions go back to the antediluvian times to speak of the customs and usages then existing, they should remember that they are living in the nineteenth century, and what they say on the question of Lodge dues is a mere matter of history. It is sheer nonsense to even refer to the fact with any hope or expectation of having those good old times 'restored,' when all the privileges of Masonry can be enjoyed, and 'never pay a cent.'

This is what we might call *Free Masonry* in the abstract, and is enjoyed to a considerable extent in those jurisdictions who claim, and even insist, that suspension from membership is not the suspension covered by the covenant.

This kind of *Free Masonry* would be quite popular if it could be established and successfully maintained. But final results would prove disastrous. The old hard-shell who assured his brethren that he had been walking in the straight and narrow path, "*nigh on to forty years*" and that his religion had never cost him a cent, failed to realize the fact that, while he was enjoying free religion, somebody else built the churches and paid the preacher. There is not a Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter Constitution in existence which does not recognize monetary matters as necessary, and consequently provides funds for the payment of bills by means of fees or dues from their subordinates. Such provision is absolutely essential to their existence. In fact, these dues and fees are considered of so much importance that the charter of every subordinate body is liable to forfeiture, in case of default in payment, and yet we hear it sounded from high places: '*We do not believe that the Chief duty of a Mason is to pay dues.*' Well, it may not be the chief duty to pay dues, but we know of our own personal observation, as well as legal information from creditable sources, that it is the *chief business* of many Masons to pocket all the dues paid in, for 'mileage and per diem.' Oh, no; there should be no money consideration connected with Masonry. For one, we have no desire to be again reminded that in ancient times *Lodge Dues* were unknown.

"It is an old song—and is literally worn out—and we might as well accept the fact, that in these days we worship God in churches costing from ten to forty thousand dollars; we sit in cushioned pews, and listen to the deep-toned organ, as it sends forth its melody, accompanied with anthems of praise. We listen to the 'word of life' expounded by one whose salary ranges according to locality and ability, from fifteen hundred to five, and even ten thousand dollars per annum; and yet religion is free, just as free as when SIMON PETER, and ANDREW, his brother, forsook their nets on the shores of Galilee, and followed the MASTER. It costs money to preach even a free gospel. It costs money to accomplish any good or charitable act, either through organized bodies or individual efforts. If a free religion and a free gospel are preached to a sinful world, at such an outlay to somebody, can we expect that Free Masonry, which is said to be the handmaid of religion, will prosper and maintain her former prestige, when hampered and fettered with this constant taunt that our present system of maintaining the order is not in accordance with that of 'ancient' times? Away with such nonsense.

"Let us change our tune and sing a new song entitled, 'Oh, give us a rest on the ancient dues system!'"

We would gladly spend further time with Comp. PATTON, but time presses. There are nineteen subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 706. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The usual Quarterly Communications of this Grand Chapter were held at the stated periods, and the business done thereat was mainly of a local nature and calls for no comment. At the first Quarterly Communication the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest ALFRED R. POTTER was announced, and a glowing tribute was paid to his memory by Comp. WILLIAM J. KELLY.

A complaint of violation of jurisdictional rights was entered against a subordinate Chapter of New Jersey, and referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, and at the next "Quarterly" we find the matter amicably settled by an apology from the offending Chapter, inclosing the amount of fees received.

The death of M. E. Comp. BENJAMIN PARKE, Past Grand High Priest, was announced in feeling terms by the Grand High Priest, who requested Past Grand High Priest SAMUEL C. PERKINS to prepare a suitable memorial.

At the fourth Quarterly Communication, held in Philadelphia on the seventh day of December, 1882, the death of another Past Grand High Priest was announced. This was M. E. Comp. GEORGE GRISCOM, an aged companion, who, as the Grand Secretary beautifully says in his memorial, "had wrought more than his allotted hours, passed through the inner veil, and descended into the secret vault.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1882,—the M. E. HIBBERT P. JOHN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHARLES E. MAYER being Grand Secretary. Twenty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

Past Grand High Priest SAMUEL C. PERKINS read an eloquent memorial of Past Grand High Priest BENJAMIN PARKE, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address, from which we extract the following:—

"The 'incredible and noiseless foot of Time' has brought us to the close of another Masonic year, and it becomes my province to address you for the last time as the presiding officer of this Grand Chapter.

"The cordial fraternal relations which have been engendered during the past two years between the M. E. Grand High Priest, the officers of the Grand Chapter, and the officers of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, are such as will leave only the most pleasant recollections in my memory, and be to me through time an enduring source of satisfaction. No one, so well as one occupying this station, comprehends the full power of Freemasonry. He has weighty responsibilities, but he also has peculiar facilities for understanding and appreciating the wealth of

wisdom and influence wielded by the Royal Craft. I desire to bear testimony in these closing words to the purity of character, devotion of service, and self-sacrificing labors, of the representatives of Capitular Masonry with whom I have been officially brought in contact. The Craft in the great jurisdiction of Pennsylvania cannot but continue to prosper while this fidelity to its principles and its interests prevails."

After giving an account of his official visitations, which we sincerely regret to learn were restricted by domestic affliction—the severest loss that can happen to a man having befallen him, in the death of his wife—he gives us his ideas of the benefits of Grand visitations, in which we fully concur. He says :—

"The system of Grand visitations that for some years past has prevailed in this jurisdiction, is one out of which have grown most valuable results to Capitular Masonry. The Grand Officers are no longer a myth, or seen but infrequently, and then only at Quarterly and Annual Communications at the great Masonic centre ; but they now penetrate to all parts of the jurisdiction, officially visiting the remoter Chapters, authoritatively performing in their presence and for their instruction the work of the several Capitular degrees, giving needed advice to the officers of the subordinate Chapters, and creating and maintaining those intimate personal relations with a large body of the active Chapter membership, that has resulted, and must continue to result, in the development and maintenance of the best Masonic spirit throughout the Craft, and the introduction of that uniformity in the work which shall make the labor of all the subordinate bodies in the jurisdiction entirely homogeneous."

We are pleased to see that our companions of Pennsylvania are not unmindful of the calls of charity, for the Grand High Priest proceeds :—

"It gives me pleasure to say that during the present year earnest attention has been given by Pennsylvania Freemasons to the important subject of founding, in this jurisdiction, a Masonic Home for aged and indigent Freemasons. Although our charity is liberally dispensed through the various and usual mediums of the Fraternity, it seems especially appropriate that when age and poverty overtake those who have stood with us at our altars, some substantial and permanent provision should be made for their latter days. There is no method by which this can be so lovingly done as within the four walls of a Masonic Home. The Mark Lodges are now actively moving in this matter ; they are asking and doubtless will receive the co-operation of others of the Masonic bodies. I respectfully but earnestly recommend to this Grand Chapter that it consider the subject, and at an early day make a generous appropriation in aid of what promises to be a new and praiseworthy Pennsylvania Masonic Charity."

It is customary in this jurisdiction for the incoming as well as the outgoing Grand High Priest to deliver an Address, and the *M. E.* Grand High Priest elect delivered a good, practical Address, in which his proposed course of procedure was outlined and the earnest co-operation of the various Grand Officers urged. "Let us," he says, "cease to vaunt ourselves of what we do, and of what has been done for us. Let us learn to walk humbly, and to think meekly of ourselves. To cultivate habits of self-sacrifice and of devotion to duty. Never aim at aught which is not right, persuaded that without this, every possession and all knowledge will become an evil and a shame."

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. ANDREW ZANK, who gives us an excellent review of the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters. In opening, he says :—

"Your committee have reviewed the proceedings of all that it has been its privilege to receive. They have not been so profuse in their selections as in the previous year, from the fact that it has been its constant aim to keep this Report within very narrow limits. They have not entered at all into the discussions agitating Masonic minds, because all the questions discussed have been worn almost threadbare by the frequent handling, and to say over and over again what has been said in the past would only tend to swell the pages of this Report without accomplishing any good. The old questions and the only ones are as your committee reported last year, viz : Suspended Masons, Expelled Masons, Cryptic and Capitular Degrees, General Grand Chapter.

"On all of these questions the committee find the companions holding to their

old views, and maintaining, with the same line of arguments, their respective positions. There have been no conversions either way.

"If there have been any new ideas brought out, your committee has tried to find them and place them before you for consideration.

"Masonry throughout may be said to be holding its own; in fact, judging from the Reports, is on the advance. In one or two jurisdictions, it seems to be in a lethargic condition, but efforts are there being made to give it new life and energy. In reading over the Reports we have but one regret, and that is, that it is hardly possible, under the circumstances, to give them more general circulation. No one can read them without a profound reverence for the Grand Old Institution."

In his review of California for 1882, he makes liberal extracts from the Address of Comp. ORME, and says our report reflects credit upon the committee. We appreciate the compliment, and return thanks. There are one hundred and four Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 11,718.

The M. E. AUGUSTUS R. HALL was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. CHARLES E. MEYER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Quebec on the thirtieth day of January, 1883, the M. E. FRANK EDGAR, Grand Z, presiding, the R. E. ANOUS GRANT being Grand Scribe E. Nine subordinate Chapters were represented. The Grand Z. delivered an address which is replete with true Masonic sentiment and fraternal ideas. Of the state of the craft at home he says:—

"It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report that peace and harmony reigns in Capitular Masonry under our jurisdiction. Not a single appeal, not a single case of grievance or a protest against any act of an officer of our Grand Chapter, or of the subordinate Chapters has come before me. From all I can learn the principles of the Holy Royal Arch are now practically carried out by every Chapter in our jurisdiction; and the relation of the officers of this Grand Chapter with those of its subordinate Chapters are of the most cordial and fraternal character."

"At present I am not able to state that the expectations entertained by my predecessors of an increase in the number and membership of our Chapters, proportionate to that of the Lodges in this province, at least, have been realized. No applications have been received for warrants for new Chapters; nor has there been any large increase in the membership of those at present working. But, on the other hand, those who are enjoying the privilege of being members of the Royal Craft, are earnest in their devotion to its best interests, and constant in support of its principles. Though jealously guarded, our portals are open to all good and true Masons, who are desirous of further light by being exalted to the supreme degree of our order; and we hope that they will all soon seek the distinction conferred by membership and association with companions of the Holy Royal Arch."

Under the head of "Foreign Relations" he says:—

"Our relations with the Grand Chapters throughout the world, with nearly all of whom we are in full intercourse, are of the most fraternal character. We continue to receive from most of them the Reports of their Annual Convocations, in which we find our labors in the interests of the Royal Craft carefully considered and fully appreciated, accompanied by friendly advice and counsel. These favors we should endeavor to reciprocate to the best of our ability. In this connection I regret to state that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed for the past year, have been unable to undertake the work committed to their charge. Knowing the importance attached to the reports on Foreign Correspondence, both by ourselves and our sister Grand Chapters, and the great benefit to our members in having brought before them, by this means, the doings of the Royal Craft throughout the world, I have endeavored to supply the want of a regular report by calling upon the Representatives of the sister Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter to prepare a report on the proceedings of the Grand Bodies they severally represent, and submit the same at this convocation. These reports will be placed before you, and I would recommend their being referred to a committee, in order that they may be duly adopted and inserted in the proceedings of this Annual Convocation.

He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of M. E. Comp. THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, one of the "Fathers of Masonry in the Dominion."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of \$773 17. The

Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievance and Appeals reported that no business had come before them since the last Annual Convocation.

The *M. E.* HEZEKIAH LUKE ROBINSON was elected Grand Z., and the *R. E.* DAVID SEATH was elected Grand Scribe E.

A Report on Correspondence is presented, prepared in part by the Representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions, and the remainder we presume by the Grand Scribe E. The report notices the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, among them California for 1882. This style of report has been "tried and found wanting," and we advise our companions of Quebec to abandon the system as speedily as possible. Nebraska, where, if we mistake not, the plan originated, tried it for one year and abandoned it forever. Such reports are entirely "flat, stale and unprofitable." The Representatives of Grand Chapters, as a rule, have no time to attend to the writing of Reports on Correspondence, and if they had the time, it is rarely that they have the inclination. To write a good Report on Correspondence requires time, study, patience, experience and a comprehensive knowledge of Masonic law and usage. One must be trained to the work in order to do it well, and in many of the jurisdictions of the United States the reporters have filled their positions for a long series of years, and have fitted themselves for it by long study and many a controversial contest with contemporaries.

A lengthy correspondence appears in the proceedings between the Grand Scribe E. of Quebec and the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of England, a portion of which, in order that our companions may understand the matter at issue, we reproduce:—

"The following is the correspondence referred to by the *M. E.* the Grand Z. in his Address to the Grand Chapter:—

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E. }

"MONTREAL, 26th April, 1880. }

"*R. E.* Companion:—

"I am directed by the *M. E.* the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec (formerly Lower Canada and Canada East) to communicate to you that many years ago, shortly after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the warrant of *Victoria* Chapter, English Constitution, Montreal, was duly returned to the then representative officer of the Grand Chapter of England here, the Hon. Judge BANGELY, of Montreal, to be by him remitted to the Grand Chapter of England.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec, within whose jurisdiction is the city of Montreal, (in which *Victoria* Chapter, when in existence, was situated), was constitutionally formed in the year 1876, and has been duly recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada (Province of Ontario), by the other Grand Chapters of the Dominion and of the United States of America, and now exercises exclusive jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec; and the Grand Z. begs, therefore, fraternally to submit to the *M. E.* the Grand Chapter of England that, if the warrant of the long time extinct *Victoria* Chapter has not been remitted to the Grand Chapter of England, it ought now to be done for many obviously important reasons, and that if the said warrant has been so remitted and cancelled, the said Chapter ought not to appear in what seems to be the official (published) list of English Chapters as '440 *Victoria* Chapter, Montreal, Canada East, 4th Wed.'

"Be pleased, therefore, in the interests of Capitalar Masonry here, and in order that nothing therefrom may hereafter arise to disturb the relations of this Grand Chapter to the mother Grand Chapter of England, to have the necessary consideration given to this (to us) somewhat important matter, and to take such action as the same as will accord with the now existing facts and circumstances.

"I have the honor to be,

"Yours fraternally,

"ANGUS GRANT.

"Grand Scribe E., G. C. of Quebec.

"COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE,

"G. S. E., G. C. of England, Freemasons' Hall, London.

"FREEMASONS' HALL,

"LONDON, W. C., 10th August, 1880. }

"R. E. COMP. ANGUS GRANT, G. S. E., *Grand Chapter of Quebec*:—

"Dear Sir and R. E. Companion—Having laid before the First Grand Principal your letter of the 28th of April last, requesting that the charter of *Victoria* Chapter, No. 440, E. C., Montreal, should be withdrawn;

"I am directed by His Royal Highness to say that, as the Chapter existed previous to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and as our Grand Superintendent reports that it is still in work, the First Grand Principal regrets that he is unable to accede to the request contained in your letter.

"I am, dear sir and R. E. Companion,

"Yours fraternally,

"SHADWELL H. CLEERE,

"Grand Scribe E.

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E. }

"MONTREAL, 8th October, 1880. }

"COL. S. H. CLEERE, *Grand S. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of England*:—

"Dear Sir and R. E. Companion—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of August 20th in reply to mine of April 28th, anent the late *Victoria* Chapter, No. 440, E. C., Montreal; and I am directed by the M. E. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, to say that it appears to him that the said reply received from you does not cover the important matters fraternally submitted, as a re-examination of the same will clearly show.

"In further support of the requests made in my communication of April last, the Grand Z. of Quebec desires that the following be duly submitted to H. R. H. the M. E. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of England:

"In the year 1863, the then *Victoria* Chapter, No. 440, E. C., voluntarily surrendered and delivered up its warrant (English) to the Grand Superintendent of Montreal, Registry of Canada, to be returned to England through the Grand Z. of Canada; and that the then members thereof, at the same time, petitioned for and received from the Grand Chapter of Canada, a warrant to form and constitute themselves into a new Chapter entitled the '*Mount Horeb*,' Montreal, which was duly constituted in January, 1864, and is now No. 6 on the registry of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

"If the warrant of *Victoria* Chapter, surrendered as above, was not at once transmitted to England for cancellation, and if any communications have been received by the Grand Chapter of England purporting to come from the said Chapter, the Grand Z. of Quebec is of opinion that *very grave irregularities have been committed*. It also appears to him that the question, whether the said *Victoria* Chapter existed prior to the "*Grand Chapter of Canada*," has no bearing with the matters at issue. It moreover appears, from official evidence in his possession, that the aforesaid *Victoria* Chapter did dissolve in the year 1863, and that the statement in your reply that, '*Our (your) Grand Superintendent reports that it is still in work, does not appear to be founded in fact*'; and that therefore, for these and other obvious reasons, the Grand Z. of Quebec believes that the requests made to the M. E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of England, in his communication of April last, ought at once to be fraternally complied with, as he has no doubt they will be when the matter is fully investigated.

"I am, dear sir, and R. E. Companion,

"Yours fraternally,

"ANGUS GRANT,

"Grand Scribe E."

The entire correspondence is too lengthy for the space at our command, but enough has been given to show that England desires to maintain within the jurisdiction of Quebec a Chapter of its own obedience,—a state of affairs that no American Grand Chapter would tolerate for a moment. The position taken by the Grand Chapter of England has been aggravated by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, which Grand Body insists upon its right, notwithstanding the protest of the Grand Chapter of Quebec to maintain Lodges of Mark Master Masons within the jurisdiction of the latter body. This invasion of the jurisdiction of a sovereign Grand Chapter was complained of to proper authorities in England, but no redress was granted, and the invasion still exists. In this emergency the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec took the only course open to him to vindicate the dignity and sovereignty of his Grand Chapter, by issuing a proclamation

suspending all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. This is a matter which affects not only the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but the whole doctrine of jurisdictional rights of sovereign Grand Bodies on the continent of America is imperiled. The Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales have formerly recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec as an independent and sovereign Grand Body, and they have no more right to invade its jurisdiction than they have to invade the jurisdiction of California. We hope every American Grand Chapter will speak out upon this subject with no uncertain sound, and show these Masonic Bodies of the old world that, being careful of the rights of others, they will not suffer their own to be invaded.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec held its last Annual Convocation in January, 1884, but its proceedings have not yet reached us, and we await with much interest the outcome of this unpleasantness.

The *M. E. H.* LUKE ROBINSON, was elected Grand Z., and the *R. E.* DAVID SMITH was elected Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have received a handsome little pamphlet containing the proceedings of the eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth Annual Convocations of this venerable Grand Chapter.

On the fourteenth day of March, 1883, the Grand Chapter convened in Annual Convocation for the eighty-fourth time in the city of Providence—the *M. E.* JOHN P. SANBORN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* EDWIN BAKER acting as Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, reports the death of *R. E.* Comp. EDMUND J. TOWNSEND, Past Grand King, who departed this life at the good old age of seventy-five years. The address is very brief and treats solely of local affairs. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$504 89.

A proposition to amend the Constitution by reducing the minimum fee for the degrees from thirty to twenty dollars, was lost.

The following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction may by vote at any regular convocation prior thereto, omit holding the regular convocations between the first day of June and fifteenth day of September, proximo.”

The object of this resolution is to give the Chapters an opportunity to avoid meeting during the heated term, a privilege which in our equable and salubrious climate, is never needed. After hearing the report of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, and the companions dined together in accordance with ancient custom.

Upon re-assembling the *M. E.* SAMUEL G. STINESS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The eighty-fifth Annual Convocation assembled at Providence, on the thirteenth day of March, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present and all the subordinate Chapters, ten in number, were represented. We find in the Address of the Grand High Priest abundant evidence that Masonry is progressive. What will Comps. DADMUN and DRUMMOND say to the following:—

July 8th, 1882, I received a letter from the Secretary of *Newport* Chapter, stating that a member had been expelled from the Lodge for gross unmasonic conduct, and, as he understood Masonic law and usage, it deprived him of all Masonic rights, and asking what action should be taken by the Chapter in the case. I informed him that his understanding of Masonic law was correct, but believing that the best interests of the Craft demand that information of that character should be communicated through the Grand Officers, I would request the Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island to have the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge (when such information had been received), inform the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and then the

Grand Secretary would officially inform not only *Newport* but the other Chapters of our jurisdiction, and the High Priest would then order his name stricken from the roll with the reasons therefor and his authority. The Grand Master kindly acceded to my request, I suppose as a personal favor, but took exceptions to the plan I suggested of the Grand Lodge notifying the Grand Chapter of even expulsions from Masonry. I believe the day has passed when the Grand Lodge can in its quiet dignity ignore the existence of Grand Chapters and other bodies founded upon the Masonic system. While all acknowledge the law of Masonry in regard to expulsions or *suspensions*, I reiterate that I believe that information should be offered, and if the brother be not a Royal Arch Mason it can do him no harm and perhaps the Craft much good.

With the establishment of dues a new era in Masonry was instituted in this jurisdiction. Its Constitutions, Laws and Regulations were changed to conform to the new order. There are, to-day, Masons enjoying not only the privileges of Royal Arch Masons, but asking and receiving Royal Arch aid and assistance, who, by the provisions of the Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, are deprived of even the privilege of visiting a Lodge of Masons.

While the Chapters of this jurisdiction have no system of dues and the policy of depriving a Royal Arch Mason of his privileges of suspension in his Lodge or striking his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues may be questioned by some, yet there is no question in my mind that a companion who has become an unaffiliated Mason (for this or any reason) has disregarded a plain and unquestioned duty, and the common interests of Masonry demand that the consequences of his default should follow him through all the Masonic bodies in which he holds membership, as he bears no part of the burden of sustaining the Grand Lodge, which is the foundation of our Masonic system. I hope action will be taken to day that our Constitution will be made so plain that hereafter no brother will be allowed receive the degrees of Royal Arch Mason who is an unaffiliated Mason from any cause.

The above furnishes also an instance where even Comp. GURNEY must acknowledge that a Grand Master has recognized the Royal Craft as "members of the great Masonic family." The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was swelled to the amount of \$598 40. There is no Report on Correspondence. The ten Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total membership of 1,640.

The *M. E.* NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. S. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary. After election the Grand Stewards announced that dinner was ready, whereupon the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment. After having discussed the good things provided by the Grand Stewards, the companions were again called to labor, and the following resolution was adopted:

Voted, That a committee be appointed to prepare and present, at a subsequent Convocation of this *M. E.* Grand Chapter, an amendment to the Grand Constitution defining the status of all unaffiliated Master Masons.

TENNESSEE.

The fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Nashville, on the first day of February, 1883,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM E. EASTMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Secretary. Thirty-eight of the seventy-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address, in speaking of the condition of the Craft, says:—

"This subject demands our serious consideration. It is useless to deny the fact that for several years past Capitular Masonry has been at a standstill, if not losing strength, in our jurisdiction, and the past year has been no exception to former years. There is a great lack of interest in nearly every section of the State, many of the Chapters holding only one or two meetings during the year, and but very few have had any increase in membership."

He makes the following recommendations:—

"I would urge the necessity of a Grand Lecturer or Grand Visitor, who could devote his whole time, or most of it, to visiting the Chapters throughout the State. This matter was passed over last year on account of a lack of funds, and a consultation was had with the officers of the Grand Lodge to try and arrange with the Grand

Lecturer for that body, but this was given up on account of a belief that the Grand Lecturer would have his hands full with the Lodges. In my opinion if it is found that with the present receipts his expenses could not be paid, the *per capita* tax should be increased to meet the additional expense."

From the report of the Grand Treasurer it would seem that there is no lack of funds this year, as he reports a balance in his hands of \$2,674 07. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the Address was referred, report as follows:—

"We regret to learn of the depressed condition of the Order, and agree with the Grand High Priest that some system of instruction and visitation should be adopted. We therefore recommend that whenever in the estimation of the first four Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, a competent companion can be employed to instruct the Chapters, that the Grand High Priest be authorized and empowered to send said Grand Lecturer forth at a salary not to exceed six hundred dollars a year."

No legislation of general interest was had, and there is no Report on Correspondence.

The seventy-two subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 2,378.

The M. E. JAMES D. RICHARDSON was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Houston on the eleventh day of December, 1883,—the M. E. S. M. WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Fifty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a well prepared paper, but treats entirely of matters local. We note the following decisions, in all of which we concur. The fifth, as to the resignation of an officer during his term of office, is according to law but at variance with common sense, as we have often argued.

"A brother, having been elected to receive the Royal Arch and appendant degrees, before receiving them moves to another jurisdiction. His Chapter, under seal, requests the Chapter of the jurisdiction moved to to confer them, which they agree to do by a unanimous vote, provided it is lawful. Can the degrees be conferred by a sister Chapter, and will it be necessary to spread the ballot again in the Chapter doing the work?"

"Answer.—A Chapter can confer the degrees for a sister Chapter out of courtesy, first satisfying themselves that the person applying is the party named in the communication. Of course due notice of such intent must be given to all of the members, and official notice given by the Secretary of his Chapter as soon as the degrees are conferred. The ballot in the Chapter where elected is sufficient.

"In constituting new Chapters must there be a regular ballot for election of officers? Can any companion be elected to any of the offices? Or must those named in the charter, which are the same as those named in the dispensation, be re-elected and installed? And then what about the other officers?"

"Answer.—The officers recommended in the dispensation and named in the charter are the proper ones to be installed, unless urgent reasons can be shown why they should not be. When in such case an election might be had, but those who held office under a dispensation are not *de facto* Past Officers, and as such are not entitled to any of the privileges of the Grand Chapter. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by ballot. All other officers must be appointed by the High Priest, all of which should be installed at the time the Chapter is constituted.

"On May 29th, I received the following query from the High Priest of *Lone Star* Chapter, No. 6, of Austin:—

"Our Chapter has built and now owns in the city of Austin a building known as the Masonic Temple. We are thinking of dedicating it. Can it be dedicated by the Grand Chapter, or by the Grand High Priest?"

"Answer.—In my opinion it is in accordance with ancient usage and the custom of the Craft that Masonic buildings should be dedicated by the Grand Lodge, and I therefore suggest that application be made through the Lodge to the Grand Master.

"On June 14th, I received a communication from *Frio* Chapter, No. 133, stating that a Brother Most Excellent Master, a member of *Ogilvie* Chapter, No. 115, had moved into this jurisdiction, and had applied for the remaining Degrees. *Ogilvie*

Chapter having granted a waiver of jurisdiction, demanded half the fee, and claiming that a dimit would be necessary before he could become a member of *Frio* Chapter.

Answer.—*Ogilvie* Chapter, by reason of granting a waiver of jurisdiction, relinquished all claim. If they received fees for all the Degrees which some Chapters require with petition, they should refund to the brother for the Degrees not conferred. I can see no reason why a claim for half of the fees should be made. Candidates become members of Chapters, where exalted, except where Degrees are conferred out of courtesy, at the request of another Chapter.

"July 11th, I received a query from the High Priest of *Mezia* Chapter, No. 131, asking if Chapters could hold property separately from, or jointly with the Blue Lodge.

Answer.—They can do either.

"August 29th, I received a query from *Haggai* Chapter, No. 53, McKinney, Collin county, asking if an officer could resign or dimit during his term of office.

Answer.—He cannot.

"July 24th, I received a query from *Palestine* Chapter, No. 10, of Palestine, Anderson county, asking if dues should accrue against a companion in a Chapter, while suspended for un-Masonic conduct in a Blue Lodge?

Answer.—No. Dues should not be charged for a privilege denied a companion. Had he been suspended below for non-payment of dues it would be different, as in such case he could re-instate upon payment of same. (See Edict No. 147, adopted by the Grand Lodge, A. L., 5874.)"

He cautions the craft against the unseemly practices sometimes indulged in, in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, and very truly says :—

"Its practice mars the beauty and sublimity of the Degree and is calculated to drive good men from us, besides it not being the work of your committee, you are cautioned against its practice each year, and will require your co-operation with the committee to eradicate it.

"The trouble in a great measure cannot be laid at our door, but is traceable to members in our midst, who have received the Degrees in other States and are naturally prejudiced in favor of the work received or their construction as to how it should be, regardless of their duty to abide by the work of whatever jurisdiction they may move to; hence, you will find that it has its effect upon any material committed to their charge, if they are not first carefully reminded of it.

"I hope you will endeavor to impart it in the manner taught by your committee, no matter how much you may esteem your work or the work of others. Remember, it is not your privilege, as individuals, to change it, but to give it as you receive it from the committee. Then we will have uniform work."

One Chapter was severely reprimanded for having conferred the Royal Arch and Appendant Degrees while under suspension of their charter. We think that charter should have been permanently suspended. He alludes to the complaint of the Grand Chapter of Quebec against the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and says:—

"Prompt action is expected at your hands. Our record in the past is untarnished, and until due reparation is made, we should suspend Masonic intercourse with jurisdictions who openly violate well-defined landmarks, vital to the good of Masonry. Let us act at once."

And the Grand Chapter *did* act, promptly and decisively, by the adoption of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas hereby suspends all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales until said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall rescind its action by revoking the charters granted for Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec."

Not having received the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, we are ignorant of the arguments adduced by that Grand Body in support of that which, to us, appears a most unwarrantable violation of the jurisdictional rights of a sister Grand Body. We trust, however, that kindly and fraternal explanation will promptly dispel the threatening cloud upon the Masonic horizon, and place in unison the discordant note that mars the general harmony.

Should the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales insist upon the position it has assumed, the duty of American Grand Chapters is plain, and Texas has taken the initiative.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$432 94. The forfeited charters of three Chapters were restored.

There is no Report on Correspondence, but as a Committee on Correspondence was appointed, with Comp. R. M. ELGIN as Chairman, we feel confident that a report will not be wanting next year.

There are eighty-seven subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 8,340.

The *M. E.* G. W. FOSTER, was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* ROBERT BREWSTER, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Burlington on the fifteenth day of June, 1883,—the *M. E.* HOMER M. PHELPS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary. Twenty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we infer that he has enjoyed, during his term, what our good Methodist brethren used to call "a comfortable season." He says:—

"I am the more grateful this year, for, while I have had the honor of being your chief, I have had little of the labor so common to this office. Probably no Grand High Priest of this or any other Grand Chapter ever had a year of more loyal and trusty help than it has been my lot to know and enjoy for the past twelve months. I take this occasion to tender my thanks to the companions of the Grand Chapter for making my office so much of a pleasure. No discord, no complaints, no rivalries, except that noble emulation of who can best work and best agree. If anything has occurred to mar this harmony it has not yet been made known to me. I have heard only the merry workmen in the quarries all the year, and their work speaks in their praise. I have not even had my 'opinion' asked or called for on any subject connected with the jurisprudence of Capitular Masonry. The correspondence of this office has been principally as to the work. This shows not only the intelligence of the Royal Craft in Vermont, but their zeal and industry as well. More than one hundred exaltations have already been reported, while but sixty-two were returned at the last Convocation, and I am satisfied that in no year was ever gathered to our numbers better men than in the year just closed. We shall need them, for the ranks of our older companions show vacant places.

He then enumerates those who have been summoned to bring up their work for inspection during the year, among whom was *R. E.* GEO. F. SKIFF, Past Grand King, who died at his residence in Monkton, on the twenty-first day of January, 1883: "Comp. SKIFF was a large-hearted, genial and generous Craftsman, who was widely known and will be as widely lamented."

He calls attention to several dormant Chapters still borne upon the roll, five of which have done no work for five years, and recommended that the Committee on Dispensations and Charters at once consider the matter and report. The committee, in their report, recommended that before demanding the charters of these Chapters, "the Grand High Priest visit each Chapter referred to during the coming year, and make a special report as to their condition and prospects at the next Annual Convocation." Which recommendation was adopted.

He also calls attention to the financial condition of the Grand Chapter, stating that the expenses for many years have been greater than the income. Upon this subject he says:—

"There is but one result from such a course. We must limit our expenses, if in such prosperous days we cannot get a larger income, or we shall be obliged to levy a direct tax on the membership. This is always an unfortunate remedy for an empty treasury. Shall we omit printing our proceedings? The demand for them is constantly on the increase, and the Grand Secretary says our entire edition would hardly

supply the Masonic libraries and collectors of this country. I am glad Masonic literature is more sought for, as intelligent reading Masons are the life of the Fraternity. But can we limit our expenses in this line? Shall we omit the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence? This costs us about two hundred dollars a year. I am aware that to many this review is the most interesting reading in our printed proceedings, and, if omitted, their high character could not be maintained."

A resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance Committee, directing that committee to consider the expediency of having permanent dues paid by the subordinate Chapters, equal to twenty-five cents for each member borne upon the roll of such subordinates, such dues to be paid annually and sent with the returns to the Grand Chapter. The Finance Committee, however, in their report, stated that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed such an improvement in the finances of the Grand Chapter that they deemed it inexpedient to raise a *per capita* tax at this time, and recommended that the matter be postponed until the next Annual Convocation, and it was so ordered.

The following resolution was introduced and referred to a special committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation:—

"Resolved, That Article 9, of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter, be amended to read as follows:—

"ART. 9. Each subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this State Grand Chapter, at its Annual Convocation, the sum of seven dollars for each candidate who shall have received the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's degrees, and been exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in such subordinate Chapter, and if less degrees have been taken in such subordinate Chapter, the payment to the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: Four dollars for the Mark, and three dollars for the Royal Arch degree."

We think the *per capita* tax the better and safer plan for collecting a revenue for a Grand Body. The average membership can always be estimated with tolerable certainty, while the number of degrees which a Chapter will confer in a year is problematical, and the revenue based upon that source is inevitably uncertain and fluctuating.

The balance in the treasury is reported at \$958 59, from which appropriations were made amounting to \$178 83, leaving the net balance \$779 71.

An interesting and able Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. EDWARD S. DANA, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, among them California for 1882. His notice of California is most kindly and fraternal. After quoting from Comp. ORME's Address relative to the dangers that threaten Freemasonry, he says: "We commend these thoughtful and impressive words, not only to the candid consideration of the companions of Vermont, but of the Craft from the Penobscot to the Rio Grande."

He appeals to us to print our report in larger type, as he says, "it is hard work for fellows 'on the shady side of fifty,' like GUNNEX, of Illinois, to say nothing of us younger men, to enjoy a report printed with such small type. California, with a plethoric treasury, can afford to do better." We would gladly accommodate our venerable companion by having our report set in "long primer," but for the fact that it would destroy the uniformity of our proceedings. Since the organization of our Grand Chapter the same type has been used, and we cannot graduate our type to the advancing years of our contemporaries. Increase the horse-power of your glasses, Comp. DANA, and you will have no trouble. Judging from the manner in which Comp. GUNNEX "goes for" us at times, we are compelled to the conclusion that he, at least, has no difficulty in deciphering our fine print, for if there is a weak spot in our report he is sure to find it, and then we are obliged to throw in argument after argument, as sand bags are thrown into a crevasse, to stop the leak and strengthen the position. We are sorry, Comp. DANA, but we can't afford larger type—under the circumstances.

After quoting our illustration of the uses of Grand Representatives, he says:—

"We predict that the position of Grand Representative in California will be a somewhat onerous one during the Triennial in August next, and we are glad Vermont has got so capable a Representative as WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER."

We think the delegation from Vermont, at the Triennial, will bear witness that their Representative was "all their fancy painted him," or words to that effect.

We would gladly remain longer with our genial companion of the Green Mountain State, but the call of "time" is imperative, and we must "come to the scratch." (SULLIVAN, of Boston, has just been giving his *intellectual* illustrations here, and we involuntarily drift into technicalities.)

There are twenty-five subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,010.

The M. E. KITTRIDGE HAWKINS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMBE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Harrisburg, on the thirty-first day of July, 1883.—The M. E. WILLIAM H. HARRISON LYNN, as Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS being Grand Secretary. Twenty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. HENRY W. MURRAY, was read by the Grand Secretary. He states that, "by an interposition of Divine Providence, the nature of which will be explained to you by our Grand Secretary, I am prevented from being with you at this seventy-sixth Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia." We look in vain, however, for the explanation, but infer that illness was the cause of his absence.

He announces the death of the Grand Treasurer, R. E. OSCAR MAYBERRY MARSHALL, and pays a touching and eloquent tribute to his memory. He reports that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and while the condition of the craft is not all he could wish, yet, he thinks, it is improving.

We note the following decision:

"A Master Mason applied to a Chapter at a stated Convocation in the regular way for the degrees conferred by it. The petition was accompanied by the sum required by the By-Laws. The petition was read and laid over to the next stated Convocation, at which time the candidate was duly elected, and he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. At a subsequent Convocation, a member of the Chapter objected to his further advancement. Through the Grand Lecturer of the District which embraced the Chapter, I was called upon to decide the following points growing out of this case:

"1st. Has a Chapter a right to stop the advancement of a brother?

"2d. Has a member of a Chapter a right to stop the advancement of a brother, by objection, without stating the cause thereof?

"3d. Could the Chapter try the candidate for an offense committed by him?

"4th. What became of the money paid by the candidate to the Chapter? Did it belong to the candidate or to the Chapter?

"I decided the first three points in the affirmative. I stated, as to the fourth point, that I did not desire to affect, by decision, the general rule of Masonic law which recognizes that every Chapter is master of its own funds, but intimated that expediency, if not justice itself, seemed to require the refunding of the money to the candidate."

We concur. The proceedings are entirely of a local nature, and there is no Report on Correspondence, but, as Comp. ISAACS, the Grand Secretary, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, we shall expect one of his interesting reports next year. We have read some excellent reports from the pen of this talented companion, and we charge him not to disappoint us.

There are thirty-three subordinate Chapters borne upon the roll, nine of which are reported as having made no returns, and seven out of the nine had made no return for two years, thereby rendering themselves liable to suspension.

The membership of the Chapters making returns is reported as 1,371.

The M. E. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON LYNN was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee on the twenty-first day of February, 1883,—the *M. E.* JOHN M. EVANS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN M. WOODHULL, being Grand Secretary. A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters was reported present by the Grand Secretary. A Committee on Credentials was appointed, but we look in vain for their report and therefore cannot state the number of Chapters represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is of the brief briefest, and contains nothing of general interest.

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. J. P. C. COTTRILL, presented the following report:—

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally reports that it received the proceedings of more than thirty of the Grand Chapters of the country; that it very carefully, fully, and thoroughly reviewed them in a report that covered about seventy-five pages of manuscript. This report was finished during the latter days of December, 1882, and delivered to the Grand Secretary, in order to have the same printed in ample time for the present Grand Convocation. The Grand Secretary delivered the same to the printers, Comp. BURDICK & ARMITAGE, whose printing office was in the basement of the Newhall House. At the conflagration which destroyed that building on the 10th day of January, 1883, the Correspondence Report, unfortunately, was wholly consumed. The engagements of the writer since, as a member of the Legislature of the State, has rendered it impossible for him to re-write the report. Indeed, if he had nothing else to do, he would hardly have had the time since the destruction of the report to re-write it. This the committee very greatly regret, as the writer had prepared it with more than usual care, not intending to write again, and with a desire to be relieved from this service after having performed it for thirteen years.

J. P. C. COTTRILL,
“Committee.”

We regret exceedingly to learn the disastrous fate of Comp. COTTRILL's report, and more greatly regret that he has decided to retire from the reportorial chair. Comp C. is a vigorous, genial, and interesting correspondent, and his reports have always been read by us with pleasure and profit. He has our best wishes for his welfare and success upon his retirement from the position which for so many years he has so ably and creditably filled. Alas! when we call the roll of the “old guard,” how many fail to answer the call.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1.144 02.

There are fifty-four subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of several, if not more; but as the tables are not footed up, we have no time to ascertain the number.

The *M. E.* HOMER S. GOSS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOHN W. LAFLIN was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. WILLIAM C. SWAIN was appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter we have received only the Address of the Deputy General Grand High Priest, and the Report of the General Grand Secretary.

A considerable portion of the Address is devoted to memorials of those who have “gone before,” and a long list of names illustrious in Masonry is there recorded; but as we have noticed them under the caption of their several jurisdictions, we need not again refer to them here.

Under the head of “Ritual,” the Deputy General Grand High Priest says:—

“I have not expressed any opinion as to a State Grand Chapter sanctioning the use of a book printed in cipher, or abbreviated form, for local purposes; but mildly declined to use an influence that would very likely result in its own attenuation. As it is, our work or ritual will find its way into every State and Territory because of

the general advantages it conveys, and will be as kindly welcomed as its motives are comprehensive, generous, and just."

He further says:—

"By letters of dispensation granted by *M. E. Comp. Bowen*, seven new Chapters were organized, the first being dated March 10, 1881, and the last March 27th, 1882. Since then I have signed like dispensations for ten new Chapters, the first of these bearing date of June 21st, 1882, and the last of June 8th, 1883."

We find from the report of the General Grand Secretary that three of these Chapters were organized in Arizona, eight in Dakota, two in New Mexico, two in Utah, and two in Washington Territory.

Under the head of "Jurisprudence," the Deputy General Grand High Priest says:—

"Many questions have been asked, which may be more properly classed under the term jurisprudence, because neither can be said to have involved any principle or application of law that has not already been made familiar through decisions accepted, or codes of Masonic law now in force.

"In this respect, I must congratulate the General Grand Chapter and the companions concerned, not so much on the minimum of strife, as upon the maximum of general harmony and apparent good will which prevails. It is but the natural outcome from a territorial jurisdiction so widely extended as is this, and having within it groups of companions gathered, possibly, from as many State jurisdictions as there may be companions in a group, that some uncertainty exists as to matters of detail in our general customs: and so, when in the course of correspondence with a High Priest of a Chapter in Dakota, he asked the question:

"Can a petition be withdrawn after being reported on by the Committee, either by unanimous consent or otherwise?"

"I could only answer, 'No.' Because, when a petition for the degrees becomes the property of the Chapter, it is subject to the law of ballot and must abide the issue, whether that be in the affirmative or negative.

"The same companion subsequently made this inquiry:

"In forming a new Chapter, is dual membership allowed?"

"The answer to this was dictated by Art. III, Sec. 39 of the Constitution, and in substance, was, 'No.'

"As the letter seemed to invite further remarks, I took the opportunity to make them in an advisory way, including the thought that the member of one Chapter might be of assistance to another, while living or sojourning in its neighborhood.

"In correspondence with the High Priest of another Chapter in the same Territory, I advised him that the companions under the dispensation were the only qualified voters on petitions for degrees; but other companions would be eligible to make a quorum for work, under the resolution adopted in 1877, and printed on page 98 in the proceedings of that Triennial Convocation.

"The correspondence and advice was because a Royal Arch Mason had been allowed to vote on petitions for the degrees, who was not named in the dispensation, nor had received the degrees in the Chapter.

"The same companion asked:

"How long a time must elapse after a candidate has been rejected before he can apply again?"

"Answer, 'Whenever the Chapter rejecting chooses to receive a new petition.'

"This, as a matter of course, was intended to apply only to such subordinate Chapters as hold by dispensation or charter, from the General Grand Chapter.

"On the twentieth day of March last I replied to a letter from Comp. T. R. SORIN, High Priest of *Cochise* Chapter, No. 4, in Tombstone, Arizona—the subject matter of which may invite some further expression of opinion.

"His first inquiry was as to their duty in that Chapter toward Master Masons residing in the Territory, who might present themselves as candidates for degrees in the Chapter. And in this connection he quoted the ruling of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, as follows:

"Any brother coming within our jurisdiction must pay his dues to his home Lodge, or to the nearest Lodge in Arizona to which he resides, and failure to do so, [to one or the other] places him in bad standing.' In connection with this was the statement, possibly quoted, but not so marked. 'The option then is with him, in case he has brought a dimit with him when he came or obtained it afterward, to affiliate, and pay six months back dues, or to not affiliate and pay dues from the time he came under the jurisdiction.

"My reply was to the effect that the General Grand Chapter does not intend to antagonize any Grand Lodge regulations, and their duty in passing upon the quali-

fications of candidates for degrees in the Chapter would be to accept such regulations as final.

"A second inquiry was as to the eligibility of a candidate who 'has to use a crutch.' I was not informed beyond this, except as to his character and circumstances, and these were said to be of the best. I quote so much of my reply as seems essential in the case:

"In regard to a cripple—I hold, that you have certain discretionary powers in such cases. You do not say how badly your candidate is crippled; and as I think the ancient regulation was framed under conditions that now only exist in part, I am inclined to treat such cases liberally, and accept candidates when their maim does not amount to positive inability to comply with our regulation."

"In expressing these opinions I also invited further advices, that I might modify or reaffirm them in the light of better information, if desirable; but they appear to have been satisfactory.

"Many of you, perhaps all, are aware of the former existence of *Seattle Chapter*, in Washington Territory, the charter of which was forfeited by resolution of this General Grand Chapter in 1880—action to this end being first reported by M^r. E^c. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, General Grand High Priest, in 1874. In consideration of his familiarity with the attending circumstances, I addressed a note to him on the eighteenth day of May last, from which I take the following extract:

"I call your attention to the action taken concerning *Seattle Chapter*, reported by you in 1874, pr. Pro. p. 15: see again pr. Pro. 1877, p. 65; and again pr. Pro. 1880, p. 69. The question has arisen whether the companions concerned in that body are in such good standing as to be suitable petitioners for a new Chapter, either collectively or singly with others, or both. Please make such report that the General Grand Chapter itself may establish a rule to govern in such cases."

"Certain questions as to the interpretation of points in Constitution have arisen, upon which I hesitated to pass in the nature of a decision; but as no injury was likely to arise by delay, I thought it better to invite deliberation; especially as the Constitution was adopted in 1880, and the companions interested then might desire to be heard on these points now."

"I therefore requested M^r. E^c. Comp. DRUMMOND to examine Art. 2, Sec. 24, clause 4, "and consider whether it was intended to make all Past High Priests members of their respective State Grand Chapters, whether the Constitution of a State Grand Chapter permitted it or not."

"Further—to examine Art. 2, Sec. 12, and consider whether it was intended, in case of the death of the General Grand High Priest, that the members of the Council, in succession, should succeed to the title as well as to "the prerogatives and duties."

"On the first of these points I would have ruled, had it been pressed. As to the second, the authority was vested by the Constitution, and I have been content not to take the title as though it descended as a right. I deem it of sufficient importance, however, for you to establish the rule, if, unhappily, we should again need such an one."

Owing to the historical interest which the following extracts possess, we may well be pardoned for giving them in full:—

"On the 7th of February, 1883, the celebration of the "One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of *Jerusalem* Royal Arch Chapter [formerly called Lodge], No. 3, in Philadelphia, Penn.," took place. I gladly accepted an invitation addressed to me officially, not only because such a celebration would be exceptional, but would also bring to light some of the early work of the Craft.

"In 1872, when Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, I took issue with a distinguished Mason and an accepted authority, whose ability on a centennial occasion had somewhat dwarfed our claims to antiquity, and would have reduced the Royal Arch system to a skeleton, had his premises been correct. The means I then had at command, though not complete, were sufficient to rehabilitate that skeleton, and to preserve, in Massachusetts at least, our American Rite, and give renewed strength to the system.

"The celebration of *Jerusalem* Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, has given opportunity to fix another date; and in behalf of truth and reasonable history, I beg to invite your attention briefly to the

CAPITULAR RITE.

"It must always be of interest to inquire into and determine, if we can, the introduction, growth, and fruition of Royal Arch Masonry upon this continent; to this end, tongue and pen have contributed, and always uppermost has been the name of THOMAS SMITH WEBB. It is safe to say of him, that he was a ritualist quick to perceive, ready to adapt, and skillful to present his work; it is equally safe to say, that when he became a Mason the letter of the ritual was of less concern than the

spirit of it; and that he saw an opportunity to impress his thought upon the brethren, by arranging and perfecting the mode of conferring degrees, and the monitorial work.

"In this he was ably assisted by JOHN HAMMER, an English Mason, who, according to his own showing, came to America in 1793, or early in 1794. In a letter written by HAMMER, from Charleston, S. C., under date of August 23d, 1809, he said that since he had been in Boston he had 'taught the lectures in many parts of the Union;' and further, that he had been engaged in 'Masonic proceedings in America for more than fifteen years;' that he was then one of the 'Inspectors of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, High Priest of *Carolina* Chapter, and Secretary of an Encampment, which I [he] was the means of creating.'

"On the 11th day of September, 1797, *St. Andrew's* Chapter, of Boston, 'voted that the High Priest be requested to write to Brother WEBB on the subject of a union of the Chapters,' and thirty-eight days later, to-wit: on October 20th, 1797, THOMAS SMITH WEBB and JOHN HAMMER visited Boston, where they remained four days. During their stay *St. Andrew's* Chapter held four meetings, and at the Chapter's request the two visitors presided and, as the records say, conferred the 'Master Mark Masons Degree,' the 'Most Excellent Masters Degree,' 'after their manner,' and communicated a lesson 'on ye 7th.'

"The words 'after their manner,' may or may not indicate that the form or ceremony was different, but they are in the record and may be taken for what they are worth. While the fact remains that the business of chief importance was 'the subject of a union of the Chapters,' ours now is to show that the present arrangement of the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, long antedates the time when WEBB was made a Royal Arch Mason. Let us observe the dates:

"WEBB was born in Boston, October 30th, 1771, was made a Mason in November or December, 1792, in *Rising Sun* Lodge, in Keene, N. H., and, DR. MACKY says, he received the higher degrees in Philadelphia. When in that city, in February last, on the occasion celebrated by *Jerusalem* Chapter, No. 3, I made a careful examination of such records as were thought to be of any assistance, and found beyond a doubt that THOMAS SMITH WEBB was exalted in Chapter No. 52, May 18th, 1796, and that he visited Chapter No. 3 three days after.

"At that time, and before, there existed in the city of New York, a Chapter to which the companions in Providence, R. I., chose a commission to visit, with a 'petition to the *Washington* Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, from the brethren of that and superior degrees.' Following this action *Providence* Chapter was established, September 3d, 1793.

"On the fifth day of October, 1793, the dispensation from *Washington* Chapter was presented, and *Providence* Chapter conferred the degrees of Mark Master, and Past Master, and most Excellent Master on six brethren, whose names, together with those of the officers, are entered in the records, and signed by B. WHEELER, Secretary.

"It is worthy of note that in the dispensation issued, *Washington* Chapter styled itself the 'Mother Chapter,' and had several Chapters, six it is claimed, then existing in Connecticut.

"WEBB first became prominent in the State of New York, as a Mason, at the organization of *Temple* Lodge, in Albany, by authority of the Grand Lodge, dated November 11th, 1796. Of this Lodge JOHN HAMMER was to be Master, and THOMAS S. WEBB, Senior Warden.

"At a meeting of this Lodge, 'a Special Convention of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Albany' was held; which was composed of the Master and Senior Warden already named and seven others; and HAMMER 'proposed that the subject of opening a Royal Arch Chapter should be taken into consideration by all the companions present, * * * as there is no Chapter in this part of the country.'

"WEBB was elected High Priest, and gave a prayer on the subject of the Convention, amid the 'greatest solemnity and decorum.'

"On Tuesday, February 14th, 1797, Comps. THOMAS S. WEBB, BENJAMIN BRECHER, and JAMES PAMELLY opened the Lodge in the degree of Most Excellent Master—and this was the first time that WEBB's name appeared in connection with that degree, as a teacher; neither does it appear upon the records of *Temple* Chapter later than June, 1799, and soon after he removed from Albany.

"W. Bro. JOHN HAMMER, sometimes call HAMMER, exhibited a document from the Grand Master of Masons in England, showing that he was skilled in the Ancient Lectures and mode of Work, as approved and practiced in England, and recommending him to the favorable notice of the Masons of the United States. Thus aided, and no doubt advised, WEBB published the first edition of the '*Freemason's Monitor*, or Illustrations of Masonry,' in 1797, at Albany. This book followed the established system in the arrangement and succession of the degrees. Its author, who avowed

himself in the second edition, was the creature, not the creator of that system, in which the degrees of the Capital Rite were already established, and which the General Grand Chapter of the United States authorizes and approves.

"Beyond this I need not now remark further than to say, that information of earlier date fails in important particulars. The records of *St. Andrew's Chapter*, in Boston, show that on August 28th, 1769, that Body worked the degrees of 'Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar.' Whether either of the first two afterward became the Most Excellent excites curiosity and invites investigation; to assume it is plausible, but there is vigor in a doubt.

"The Mark Degree appeared in that Body in 1793; on May thirtieth of that year an order was passed to procure a Mark Plate, and on November twenty-eighth following, the Plate, together with a sufficient number of impressions from it, on parchment, was presented in the Chapter. One of these parchments, properly filled out, is in the possession of a Past High Priest of the Chapter, having descended to him by direct line in his family.

"I submit copies of this Mark for inspection. It will be seen that on three corners of the four, touching and within the indented circle are the figures 3, 2, 9, leaving the fourth corner blank. In the parchment alluded to the figure 3 was added, and a comparison of this with the original Book of Marks, owned by the Chapter, shows the practice, and fixes the date at 3298.

"The difference between this and the Vulgar Era is 1500, which, in brief, is in allusion to the erection of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, as described in the last several Chapters of Exodus. It was to this event that the date referred as the beginning of Royal Arch Masonry.

"I exhibit, also, an impression from the original copper-plate, of a form of summons, ordered October 21st, 1790. The plate is much worn, but the various emblems in the engraving show how intimately the degrees in the Capital Rite were then associated. There is nothing in the plate to show that the Excellent or Super-Excellent was predecessor to anything in the Cryptic Rite; but there is evidence of kinship to the Most Excellent in the Chapter series."

In conclusion, he says:—

"For one hundred and twenty-five years the Royal Arch degree has found a home upon this continent; during 90 of these years the business we profess has been practiced as now organized. The 'Grand Royal Arch Chapter,' now the 'General Grand Chapter,' in its first Constitution, adopted January 26th, 1796, named, in inverse order, the four degrees which it again asserted in its last Constitution, adopted August 26th, 1880, and set forth in Section 19 of article I.

"In defining its powers the Constitution determines that 'The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters.'

"To inquire into the nature of those relations here may seem like a work of supererogation; we may nevertheless allude to them as being animated and governed by the law of love. In their annual messages, the Grand High Priests have spoken in their respective jurisdictions with kindness, and the rule has been a government founded upon good will supported by the respect and affection of the members. No 'doubtful powers' have been exercised in a way to beget reproach; no faction rends our generally faultless structure; opportunities for the exercise of our highest powers and our best endeavors there may be, but, while the hand is willing and the heart is true, workers will not be wanting until the greatness of the end is attained.

"While reports come to us giving promise of increased strength and usefulness in Grand Chapters, and the Chapters directly subordinate to this are hopefully finding their way, we can but look in advance and provide for our ever onward movement. The bounds must be measured, and enlarged when proper; legislation needs to be shaped for the embrace of a great companionship, whose wants are as diversified as our places of living are separate and apart. Our heads should think, our hearts should feel, and our hands should execute all those things which tend to a common prosperity, to a general and loving peace.

"Companions, measured by the standard of the Institution in whose Labors we engage, and strengthened in the bonds of Universal Brotherhood, I invite your kindly attention to the business of this Convocation.

"ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

"Deputy General Grand High Priest."

The address as a whole does credit to the head and heart of the distinguished companion from whom it emanates, and we are pleased to know that the General

Grand Chapter, appreciating his ability, elected him to the high office to which, by the sad interposition of death, he had succeeded.

From the report of the General Grand Secretary we learn that:—

"Of the thirty-six Grand Chapters enrolled as constituents of the General Grand Chapter, all, with the exception of Minnesota, Rhode Island and Texas, have rendered full and complete reports annually during the triennial period of 1880-1883, and have regularly transmitted copies of their proceedings to the office of the General Grand Secretary.

"The great improvement in the past three years in the timely transmission of the reports of Grand Chapters, and the prompt payment of dues, is a very gratifying and substantial evidence of increased interest in the welfare of the General Grand Chapter—which is now, undoubtedly, more secure in the affections of the Royal Craft than ever before, and is exerting an influence among its constituents at once beneficial and salutary.

"From the annual reports submitted by the several Grand Chapters and from the best information attainable, respecting those whose Grand Secretaries have neglected to place the General Grand Chapter in possession of the desired information, the following statement was prepared for the purpose of showing the change in membership of the Chapters subordinate to the several Grand Chapters under this jurisdiction, and the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons enrolled for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882:—

	1880.	1881.	1882.	Total.
No. Companions exalted.....	5,645	5,800	8,674	20,119
" Affiliated.....	922	951	1,155	3,028
" Restored.....	568	479	682	1,679
Gains.....	7,135	7,230	10,461	24,826
No. Dimitted.....	2,857	2,118	2,774	7,749
" Suspended.....	3,437	2,605	2,967	9,009
" Expelled.....	73	74	49	196
" Died.....	1,336	1,331	1,467	4,134
Losses.....	7,703	6,128	7,257	21,088
Affiliated Royal Arch Masons.....	109,540	110,872	112,589	.....

"As compared with a similar statement contained in the report made three years ago, it appears that there has been a marked degree of improvement in all respects.

"Indeed, with but few exceptions, the Grand Chapters which acknowledge this jurisdiction are rapidly regaining the ground lost during the period of business stagnation and financial distress, which, a few years ago, proved so serious in decimating their ranks and retarding their growth; but the hope is expressed that, with past experience and present prosperity, they will wisely provide against a like contingency that may possibly occur within the next few years.

"In the appendix to this report will be found a list of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapters for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, which completes the record as published with the proceedings since 1871. Also, a summary of the annual reports for the same years, compiled for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

"There have been received, since the date of the last report, from the several Grand Chapters, excepting Minnesota, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Texas, annual dues as follows:—

Alabama.....	1880 to 1882, inclusive.....	\$ 23 63
Arkansas.....	1880 " 1882, "	36 17
California.....	1881 " 1883, "	96 06
Colorado.....	1880 " 1882, "	16 49
Connecticut.....	1881 " 1883, "	120 63
Delaware.....	1881 " 1883, "	10 00
District of Columbia.....	1880 " 1882, "	33 01
Florida.....	1880 " 1883, "	8 43
Georgia.....	1881 " 1883, "	27 18
Illinois.....	1880 " 1882, "	306 69
Indiana.....	1880 " 1882, "	133 63
Iowa.....	1879 " 1882, "	188 62
Kansas.....	1880 " 1883, "	56 09
Kentucky.....	1877 " 1882, "	174 92
Louisiana.....	1881 " 1883, "	26 63
Maine.....	1881 " 1882, "	80 85
Maryland.....	1880 " 1882, "	34 10

Massachusetts.....	1890 to 1882, inclusive.....	\$273 55
Michigan.....	1881 " 1883, "	225 79
Mississippi.....	1881 " 1882, "	30 49
Missouri.....	1881 " 1883, "	125 50
Nebraska.....	1880 " 1882, "	28 20
Nevada.....	1881 " 1883, "	11 87
New Hampshire.....	1881 " 1883, "	68 47
New Jersey.....	1890 " 1882, "	74 27
New York.....	1881 " 1883, "	454 63
North Carolina.....	1872 " 1883, "	69 55
Ohio.....	1880 " 1882, "	270 62
Oregon.....	1880 " 1881, "	10 92
Tennessee.....	1881 " 1883, "	101 23
Vermont.....	1881 " 1883, "	59 39
Wisconsin.....	1878 " 1883, "	195 58
Total.....		<u>\$3,371 61</u>

"The history of Royal Arch Masonry, as it appears in the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which belong to this jurisdiction, presents nothing that seems to require special comment or to invite adverse criticism, while there is much to commend in their efforts to propagate and perpetuate the genuine principles of the Royal Craft."

From the statistical tables of 1882, we learn that, of the subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, one was located in Arizona, three in Dakota, four in Idaho, two in Indian Territory, four in Montana, two in New Mexico, one in Utah, one in Washington, three in Wyoming, one in the Hawaiian Islands and one in Shanghai, China; making twenty-three in all, and having an aggregate membership of 934.

With the number since added, we may reasonably expect a large addition to the family of Grand Chapters.

CONCLUSION.

Such as it is, we present our report for the past year; we had hoped to make it complete, but, alas! for the fallacy of human hopes and expectations, four of our sister Grand Bodies, who seldom fail us, are this year absent from our files. We regret this and can only attribute the failure to some accident or carelessness in the mails. The record of the year presents a picture of general prosperity and harmony; only one little cloud, "no bigger than a man's hand," darkens the Masonic horizon—the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. Let us hope that the gentle zephyrs of peace and fraternity will speedily dispel it and leave no sign of its existence.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
For the Committee.

Which report was ordered to be published with the proceedings of this Convocation.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that the work in the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified this evening at half-past seven o'clock, by *California* Chapter, No. 5; that Chapter having kindly consented to confer the degree upon actual candidates for that purpose.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Tuesday, April 8th, A. I. 2414. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Comp. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa; of Comp. WILEY JAMES TINNIN, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ohio; and of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, near this Grand Chapter; and,

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, those companions were duly received and accredited as such Representatives.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Charters:

Comp. Hiram Newton Rucker,
" Michael James Keating,
" William Robert Wiggins,
" William Thompson Luther,
" Adolphus Hollub.

On By-Laws:

Comp. Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
" Abner Elias Charles,
" William Augustus Begole,
" James Sumner Drysdale,
" John Alexander Caldwell.

On Returns:

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" George Heirn Gilbert,
" Peter Richmond Hinds,
" Doran Lucius Campbell,
" Richard Munt.

On Grievances:

Comp. Adolphus Hewel,
" Doran Lucius Campbell,
" Silas Wright Gels,
" Joseph Bailey Cooke,
" Joseph McMath.

On Payment of Delegates:

Comp. Theodore Edward Smith,
" Daniel O Dunn,
" Christian Theodore Bentzen Hallin,
" Thomas Flint, Jr.,
" James Branham.

And to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Finances—

Comp. Amasa Wright Bishop.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Secretary presented the memorial of Comp. AMIEL HOCHHEIMER, praying for restoration to the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary also presented, by request, the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter :—

Amend Section 1, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of California, by striking out the words "second Tuesday," in the second line of said section, and insert in place thereof the words, "fourth Monday," so that when amended the section will read as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall hold its annual Convocations for the transaction of its regular business, in the City of San Francisco, on the fourth Monday of April, in each year, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

Which proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The amendment proposed by Companion HOLLIS, at our last Convocation, (which was referred to your committee,) to strike out all of Subdivision 1, Section 2, Article VIII, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, by which the Grand Chapter would receive no revenue from degrees conferred in the subordinate Chapters, has received due consideration.

While we fully concur with the companion in the general idea that the subordinate Chapters should be taxed only in such amounts as may be necessary for the current demands of the Grand Chapter, we also believe that a judicious provision should be made with reference to a possible future ; and, taking the last year, which was one of unexampled prosperity, as a guide, we find that, under the proposed reduction, the revenue of the Grand Chapter would not have been sufficient to meet its necessary expenses.

In view of this fact, your committee recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY, I. P. KINCAID, H. N. ROCKER, C. R. GRITMAN, A. W. BISHOP,	}	Committee.
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Which report was unanimously concurred in.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The Grand High Priest informs us that he has not been overburdened with the cares and duties of his office during his term. For this he is thankful ; and for this your committee is also grateful, in that he found his jurisdiction so well ordered and law abiding, as to render his duties a labor of love, and the duties of the undersigned correspondingly lessened.

On behalf of this Grand Body we tender to the Grand High Priest our sincere sympathy in the afflictions which have fallen upon him during the year past, and

assure him our earnest hopes that the future may brighten his pathway and bring him a measure full and overflowing with the joys and blessings of this brief life.

We apportion so much of the Address as needs reference, as follows :—

To Jurisprudence—So much as refers to all action in the affairs of *Plumas* Chapter, and to the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Bodies.

To Committee on By-Laws—So much as refers to the several amendments of By-Laws made during the year.

And to Committee on Charters—So much as refers to the organization of a new Chapter at St. Helena.

In regard to the organization and working of spurious Masonic inventions in our jurisdiction, we are fully in accord with the expressions of the Grand High Priest. The bodies whom these pretensions directly attack are acknowledged by the Masonic world as of undoubted legitimacy; their legitimacy was adjudicated and settled by the Supreme Councils of the world, long since; their organizations are in harmony with ours, each respecting the rights of the other; and to countenance or permit an abuse of the jurisdictional rights of Masonic powers whose positions are so well assured, would be inflicting a grievous wrong upon organized Freemasonry everywhere.

In our opinion the Grand High Priest has properly defined this Masonic fraud, and as the subject matter of this part of his Address, embodied in a regulation defining the position of the Grand Chapter thereon, has been referred to another committee, we forbear further comment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, }
ADOLPHUS HEWEL, } Committee.
WILLIAM A. BEGOLE, }

Which report was concurred in, and the references therein recommended were ordered.

The special order—the election of Grand Officers—was now taken up; and the Grand High Priest having appointed Companions WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS and WILLIAM VANDERHURST to act as tellers, the election proceeded with the following result :—

The M. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES was elected Grand High Priest;
The R. E. EDWARD COLEMAN was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
The R. E. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE was elected Grand King;
The R. E. MICHAEL JAMES KEATING was elected Grand Scribe;
The R. E. HIRAM THEBOOP GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;
The R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, the Representative of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter at its late Triennial Convocation, made an interesting report of the doings of that Body; whereupon the thanks of the Grand Chapter were unanimously tendered to the illustrious companion.

The charter of *Dixon* Chapter, No. 48, having been destroyed by fire, and application for a duplicate charter having been made, said application was referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, April 9th, A. I. 2414. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. CARNOT COURTLAND MASON, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers of Chapters and Past High Priests by service in this jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

Franklin,....No. 20,....CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, Past High Priest.

Donner,.....No. 39,....ELLE ELLEN, Past High Priest.

Woodland,...No. 46,....FRANCIS ELLSWORTH BAKER, King.

For good cause shown, Comp. FRANCIS ELLSWORTH BAKER was excused for non-attendance on yesterday.

Comp. THEODORE EDWIN SMITH, from the Committee on Payment of Delegates, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund, having performed that duty, would recommend that the following amounts be allowed to delegates of Chapters in attendance on the first day of the Convocation:—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
San Francisco,	1.....	\$149 50....Paid.....	1st day.....	\$ 6 00
Sonora,	" 2.....	24 00....Paid.....	"	23 00
Sacramento,	" 3.....	118 50....Paid.....	"	12 00
California,	" 5.....	185 00....Paid.....	"	6 00
Nevada,	" 6.....	30 00....Paid.....	"	21 80
Benicia,	" 7.....	14 00....Paid.....	"	8 00
Shasta,	" 9.....	25 00....Paid.....	"	26 00
Sutter,	" 11.....	25 00....Paid.....	"	20 30
Merced,	" 12.....	18 50....Paid.....	"	16 80
Washington,	" 13.....	53 50....Paid.....	"	16 20
Howard,	" 14.....	49 50....Paid.....	"	9 50
Cyrus,	" 15.....	16 50....Paid.....	Not represented.	
St. James,	" 16.....	17 00....Paid.....	1st day.....	21 50
Libanus,	" 17.....	17 50....Paid.....	"	20 50
Grass Valley,	" 18.....	39 50....Paid.....	"	20 80
Trinity,	" 19.....	15 00....Paid.....	"	39 00
Franklin,	" 20.....	34 00....Paid.....	"	21 00
Sierra,	" 21.....	23 00....Paid.....	"	36 30
Petaluma,	" 22.....	38 00....Paid.....	"	8 00
Oliver,	" 23.....	15 00....Paid.....	"	23 00
La Fayette,	" 24.....	12 50....Paid.....	"	28 30
Georgetown,	" 25.....	15 00....Paid.....	"	21 00

Name and Number of Chapter.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>Oakland</i> , No. 26	\$30 50	Paid.....1st day	\$6 00
<i>Delta</i> , " 27	25 50	Paid..... "	15 00
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28	49 50	Paid..... "	12 00
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29	33 50	Paid.....Not represented.	
<i>Napa</i> , " 30	20 50	Paid.....1st day	9 20
<i>Martinez</i> , " 31	31 00	Paid..... "	8 00
<i>Los Angeles</i> , " 33	27 00	Paid..... "	49 40
<i>Alturas</i> , " 34	20 00	Paid..... "	40 00
<i>Naval</i> , " 35	46 50	Paid..... "	8 00
<i>Alameda</i> , " 36	68 50	Paid.....Not represented.	
<i>Siloam</i> , " 37	20 00	Paid.....1st day	17 30
<i>Santa Cruz</i> , " 38	17 50	Paid..... "	12 00
<i>Donner</i> , " 39	19 50	Paid.....Not represented.	
<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40	30 50	Paid.....1st day	21 30
<i>Temple</i> , " 41	26 00	Paid..... "	13 00
<i>Chico</i> , " 42	39 50	Paid..... "	19 70
<i>Solano</i> , " 43	29 00	Paid..... "	9 40
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44	24 00	Paid..... "	25 50
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45	53 00	Paid.....Not represented.	
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46	41 50	Paid.....1st day	12 20
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47	28 50	Paid..... "	50 00
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48	25 50	Paid..... "	10 90
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49	15 00	Paid..... "	13 80
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50	19 00	Paid..... "	56 50
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51	9 00	Paid..... "	60 50
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52			
<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53	24 00	Paid.....1st day	20 50
<i>Bodie</i> , " 55	25 50	Paid..... "	66 00
<i>Keystone</i> , " 56	22 50	Paid..... "	54 40
<i>Signet</i> , " 57	31 50	Paid..... "	49 40
<i>Plumas</i> , " 58	10 50	Paid..... "	51 60
<i>Salinas</i> , " 59	24 00	Paid..... "	13 60
<i>Colusa</i> , " 60	19 00	Paid..... "	17 40
<i>San Diego</i> , " 61	17 50	Paid..... "	66 00
<i>San Luis</i> , " 62	27 00	Paid..... "	34 00
<i>St. Helena</i> , U. D.	6 00	Paid..... "	10 60
\$1893 00			\$1258 20

They would also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the

Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest.....	\$ 6 00	Chairman Fin'e Com. \$ 9	} \$36 00
Deputy Grand High Priest.....	56 50	3 members " " 27	
Grand King.....	20 80	Grand Captain of the Host, 6 00	
Grand Scribe.....	8 00	Grand Royal Arch Captain,	
Grand Treasurer.....	6 00	for last year.....	6 00

Amount allowed to Grand Officers... \$ 145 30

Amount allowed to Delegates..... 1258 20

Total amount of allowances.....\$1403 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,
C. T. B. HALLIN,
THOMAS FLINT, Jr.,
D. C. DUNN,
JAMES BRANHAM,

} Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts were ordered to be paid as recommended.

Comp. ADOLPHUS HEWEL, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the transcript of the trial-record in the case of JAMES M. DAWLEY, a Royal Arch Mason and member of *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, expelled by said Chapter on the sixth of February, 1884, have examined the same and find that it consists—1st, of a copy of the charges; 2d, copy of the testimony; 3d, of findings purporting to have been made by a commission.

It does not appear from the record that any of the provisions of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, relating to trials of Royal Arch Masons, as prescribed in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Article XXIV of the Constitution, have been complied with; and hence the record as now before us, is defective in every essential necessary to give jurisdiction to the Chapter to pronounce judgment upon the accused.

In view of these facts, we have deemed it unnecessary to examine the testimony; for unless these deficiencies of the record can be supplied, the judgment cannot stand and must necessarily be reversed.

Your committee, however, is informed by the High Priest of *Bodie* Chapter that the Chapter, in the trial of said cause, proceeded in every step strictly as required by the provisions of the sections of the Constitution hereinbefore referred to, and that the evidence exists upon the minutes and files of said Chapter; and hence that the defect in the record before your committee, arises either from an imperfect understanding by the Secretary of the duties imposed upon him by Sec. 9, Art. XXIV, of the Constitution, or from his neglect in the discharge thereof.

Your committee therefore recommend that the whole of the papers above enumerated be, by the Grand Secretary, returned to the Secretary of *Bodie* Chapter, with instructions that the said last named officer prepare and immediately transmit to the Grand Secretary a full, true and complete transcript of all the proceedings of his Chapter in said cause, from the reception by the High Priest of the charges against Comp. J. M. DAWLEY, to and including the entry of the judgment thereon, as the same now appears of record on the minutes or files of his Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. HEWEL, D. L. CAMPBELL, JAS. McMATE, J. B. COOKE, S. W. GEIS,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the recommendation adopted.

Comp. HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following reports:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the books of *St. Helena* Chapter under dispensation, together with the petition for its perpetuation by charter, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the record book, and find it neatly and properly kept in accordance with the form adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The dispensation was issued to *St. Helena* Chapter on December 19th of the past year, since which time the Chapter has received four by affiliation, and six petitions for degrees. The Chapter is well supplied with all the necessary paraphernalia,

and after careful inquiry, your committee are much inclined to the belief that the prospects for the future success of *St. Helena* Chapter are good, and that its usefulness will be permanent. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That a charter be granted to *St. Helena* Chapter, at *St. Helena*, Napa County, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 68.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the notice of your Committee on Charters that *Dixon* Chapter, No. 48, had the misfortune to lose its charter and property by fire during the past year; and,

WHEREAS, Said Chapter has made a request for the issuance of a duplicate charter, your committee would respectfully offer and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a duplicate charter to *Dixon* Chapter, No. 48, without charge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. N. RUCKER,	} Committee.
M. J. KEATING,	
W. T. LUTHER,	
W. R. WIGGINS,	
A. HOLLUB,	

Which reports were concurred in, and the resolutions adopted.

Comp. ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report as follows :—

1st. We have examined the By-Laws of *St. Helena* Chapter, under dispensation, and find they have adopted the Uniform Code.

2d. Amendments to By-Laws have been made and reported in due form to the *M. E.* Grand High Priest for his approval, as follows :—

Merced Chapter, No. 12. Amending Article 6, Sec. 3, of the By-Laws, reducing dues to four dollars per year.

3d. *San Luis* Chapter, No. 62. Amending Article 2, Sec. 1, of the By-Laws, changing the time of stated meeting.

The approval of the By-Laws and amendments, above specified, are therefore recommended.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,	} Committee.
ABNER ELIAS CHARLES,	
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLE,	
JAS. S. DRYSDALE,	
JOHN A. CALDWELL,	

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been carefully examined and found correct; and we recommend that they be approved and published with the proceedings.

Resolved, That AMIEL HOCHHEIMER be restored to all his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. HEWEL,
D. L. CAMPBELL,
JAS. McMATH,
J. B. COOKE,
S. W. GEIS, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Having examined the returns of the subordinate Chapters, your committee respectfully report:—

That returns have been received by the Grand Secretary from, and all dues have been paid by, all the Chapters, with the exception of *Humboldt*, No. 52, from which neither returns nor dues have come. The reason of this non-reception of both by the Grand Secretary remains a secret with *Humboldt* Chapter, No. 52.

In the report of this committee for 1883, a suggestion was made that inasmuch as three of the Chapters had been quite dilatory in making their returns to the Grand Secretary, greater promptness be exercised in the future. Whether this suggestion was provocative of any adverse influence your committee is unaware; but the fact nevertheless exists that we are now called upon to report twelve Chapters which have trespassed upon the patience of the Grand Secretary, six of which to quite an extent of time beyond the prescribed limit. The only suggestion your committee can make with reference to a repetition of this state of affairs is the necessity that will compel us to name the Chapters and the length of time they so trespass.

Having a full knowledge and appreciation of the seriousness, to the Grand Secretary, of these shortcomings on the part of the delinquent Chapters, your committee *emphatically* urge upon the latter more zeal and greater promptness.

The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$270 50	\$149 50	\$420 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	24 00	24 00	48 00
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	194 50	118 50	313 00
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	374 00	185 00	559 00
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	50 00	30 00	80 00
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	14 00	14 00	28 00
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	25 00	25 00	50 00
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	31 00	25 00	56 00
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	30 50	18 50	49 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	68 50	53 50	122 00
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	85 50	49 50	135 00
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	44 50	16 50	61 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	29 00	17 00	46 00
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	33 50	17 50	51 00
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	65 50	39 50	105 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	65 00	34 00	99 00
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	35 00	23 00	58 00

		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total
<i>Petaluma,</i>	No. 22,.....	\$78 00	\$38 00	\$116 00
<i>Oliver,</i>	" 23,.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
<i>La Fayette,</i>	" 24,.....	27 50	12 50	40 00
<i>Georgetown,</i>	" 25,.....	25 00	15 00	40 00
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 26,.....	52 50	30 50	83 00
<i>Della,</i>	" 27,.....	25 50	25 50	51 00
<i>Stockton,</i>	" 28,.....	102 50	49 50	152 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 29,.....	57 50	33 50	91 00
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30,.....	31 50	20 50	52 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31,.....	53 00	31 00	84 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33,.....	39 00	27 00	66 00
<i>Alturas,</i>	" 34,.....	20 00	20 00	40 00
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35,.....	70 50	46 50	117 00
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 36,.....	132 50	68 50	201 00
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37,.....	20 00	20 00	40 00
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38,.....	48 50	17 50	66 00
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39,.....	19 50	19 50	39 00
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40,.....	58 50	30 50	89 00
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41,.....	60 00	26 00	86 00
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42,.....	71 50	39 50	111 00
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43,.....	59 00	29 00	88 00
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44,.....	34 00	24 00	58 00
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45,.....	97 30	53 00	150 00
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46,.....	84 50	41 50	126 00
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47,.....	52 50	28 50	81 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48,.....	25 50	25 50	51 00
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49,.....	33 00	15 00	48 00
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50,.....	23 00	19 00	42 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51,.....	18 00	9 00	27 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52,.....	No returns.		
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53,.....	48 00	24 00	72 00
<i>Bodie,</i>	" 55,.....	59 50	25 50	85 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	" 56,.....	52 50	22 50	75 00
<i>Signet,</i>	" 57,.....	100 50	31 50	132 00
<i>Plumas,</i>	" 58,.....	12 50	10 50	23 00
<i>Salinas,</i>	" 59,.....	53 00	24 00	77 00
<i>Colusa,</i>	" 60,.....	37 00	19 00	56 00
<i>San Diego,</i>	" 61,.....	63 50	17 50	81 00
<i>San Luis,</i>	" 62,.....	72 00	27 00	99 00
<i>St. Helena,</i>	U. D.,.....	13 00	6 00	19 00
Making a total of.....		\$3401 00	\$1893 00	\$5294 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY,
R. MUNT,
D. L. CAMPBELL, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

In regard to the amendment of subdivision 2, of Section 2, Article VIII, printed on page 310 of Proceedings for last year, in effect reducing the dues of subordinate Chapters to the sum of twenty-five cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the Chapter roll, your committee beg leave to report, that they have considered the proposition, and from statements made that the amount named would be sufficient to provide the revenue required to sustain the Grand Chapter, respectfully recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. DAVIES,
J. H. NEFF,
H. H. KNAPP,
A. HOLLUB, } Committee.

Which report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finances.

Comp. DAVIES, from the same Committee, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the proposition to amend Section 1, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, by striking out the words "second Tuesday," in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "fourth Monday," so that when amended the Section will read as follows:—

"SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter shall hold its annual Convocation for the transaction of its regular business in the city of San Francisco, on the fourth Monday of April in each year, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M."

And we conclude that in the absence of any showing of the necessity of this change in our established law, we beg leave to report, that upon the general principle of the unadvisability of changing our laws, rules or customs, without ample and urgent reason therefor, we respectfully recommend that said amendment be not adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. DAVIES,
H. H. KNAPP,
J. H. NEFF,
A. HOLLUB, } Committee.

Which report was non-concurred in; and, on motion, the proposed amendment was amended by substituting the fourth Tuesday, for the fourth Monday. The proposed amendment as thus amended, having received more than two-thirds of all the votes, was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Wednesday, April 9th, A. I. 2414. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at one o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

The amendment proposed by Comp. HINES at the last Convocation, to subdivision 2, Section 2, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, reducing the *per capita* tax twenty-five cents, having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by a recommendation from that Committee further referred to the Finance Committee, has been duly considered, and your Committee beg leave to report: That the proposed reduction involves the sum of \$950 per year, which the present legitimate revenue of the Grand Chapter will not permit without encroaching on the surplus funds on hand; your committee having the pecuniary interests of this Grand Chapter specially in keeping, believe that any change in the revenue of this Grand Body, at this time, will be injudicious and not to its permanent interests. We therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. DAY,	} Committee.
A. W. BISHOP,	
H. N. RUCKER,	
C. B. GRITMAN,	

Which report was concurred in, and the proposed amendment was not adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have given consideration to the standing regulations proposed by Companion Past Grand High Priest JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, defining the Masonic powers in existence whose regularity and standing, being acknowledged by the Masonic world, should be affirmed by this Grand Chapter for the protection of legally and regularly organized Masonic bodies, and especially for the continuance of the harmony necessary for the prosperity of the bodies of Royal Arch Masons of our obedience.

All well informed Masons are aware that the list of bodies enumerated by Comp. ENGLISH, embody the legitimate Masonry of the world. We have not the time at our disposal, and do not propose to enter into an analysis of the disputes of Masonic powers of years gone by. It is enough for your committee to know that for a quarter of a century the organizations named in the proposed regulations have constituted the Masonic world, and comprise the whole of legitimate Masonry; and for the reason that we desire this Grand Chapter to speak in no uncertain tones when organization and order are in question, and that all who seek information as to pretended orders may have a reliable record at hand to furnish it, we recommend the adoption of the regulations herein referred to, and that they constitute, as a whole, General Regulation No. 21.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
J. H. NEFF,	
A. HOLLIS,	
H. H. KNAPP,	

Which report was concurred in.

On motion of Comp. FRANCIS ELLSWORTH BAKER, the Grand Secretary was directed to issue circulars to the several subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction, embodying General Regulation No. 21, as adopted.

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :—

Grand Chaplain,	Comp. GEORGE HEINN GILBERT, . . . of <i>St. James</i> , No. 16 ;
Grand Lecturer,	" THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, of <i>Nevada</i> , No. 6 ;
Grand Capt. of the Host, " "	WM. THOMPSON LUTHER, . . . of <i>Sierra</i> , No. 21 ;
Grand Royal Arch Capt., " "	WILLIAM VANDERHURST, . . . of <i>Salinas</i> , No. 59 ;
Grand Organist,	SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, of <i>California</i> , No. 5 ;
Grand Guard,	" IRA COLBURN ROOT, of <i>California</i> , No. 5 ;

Comp. AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP proposed the following :—

To amend General Regulation No. 6, by adding after the word " expenses," in the fourth line thereof, the words " for transportation," so that when amended the regulation will read as follows :—

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report ; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses for transportation of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed in their respective stations by the *M. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT*, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES*, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the *M. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT*, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :—

<i>On Jurisprudence :</i>	<i>On Finances :</i>
Comp. William Abraham Davies,	Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" Jacob Hart Neff,	" Charles Ray Gritman,
" Henry Hay Knapp,	" Hiram Newton Rucker,
" Adolphus Hollub,	" Isaac Philanson Kincaid,
" Wiley James Tinnin.	" William Buckley Davis.

On Correspondence :

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,
" Adolphus Hewel,
" Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
" John Clements,
" John Alexander Caldwell.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample form*.

JONATHAN DOAN HINES,

ATTEST:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

Grand High Priest.

Grand Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION,

Adopted in April, 1884.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Convocations for the transaction of its regular business, in the city of San Francisco, on the *fourth* Tuesday of April in each year, commencing at ten o'clock, A. M.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose; and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be, simply that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of September, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate, that matter being wholly within the province of the Chapter in which he was rejected. (See Sec. 1, Art. XVII of the constitution.)

The following is the course of procedure recommended:

First. That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

Second. Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

Third. At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken.

17. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

18. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

19. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with, and such Chapter is free from debt.

20. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections.

suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations so reported to him.

21. This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate and genuine except those conferred by, or under the authority of, the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit:

The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and the Grand Commanderies of the States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is Grand Commander; and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

It is hereby declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter take or receive any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood from any man or body of men not hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

It is hereby further declared that any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate or sell, or be present at or assist in the conferring, communicating or selling, or solicit any one to take, receive or apply for any so-called Masonic degree or order of Knighthood, in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

RULE 1. When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

RULE 2. After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

RULE 3. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

RULE 4. All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

RULE 5. No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

RULE 6. When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

RULE 7. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2414.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Waterman Baldwin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward Wellington Blaney, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Albert Warren, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Henry Ryan, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
James Wright Anderson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Moubray Robert Dundas, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Perry, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Gilman Prince, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Benton White, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Thomas Kingsby Wilson, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Adolphus Hollub, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim,
Louis Cohn,	Theodore Edward Smith,	Edward Taylor Anthony,
Martin John Burke,	Samuel Sternheim,	Michael James Keating,
John Rudolph Jarboe,	Alfred Rising,	Isaac Philanson Kincaid.
Milton Hills Myrick,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, George Preston	Bass, Thomas Jefferson	Blankenstein, Henry
Allen, Isaac Patton	Bassett, Charles Fallen	Boruck, Marcus Derkhien
Allenberg, Charles	Baum, Simon	Bowman, John Schmerl
Altshuler, Levi	Bauman, Sigmund	Boyd, Colin Macnicol
Anderson, Thomas	Bayle, John	Brace, Abraham
Apgar, Richard Minor	Behrendt, Herman	Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone
Armstrong, Herbert Guy	Berggren, August	Brandenstein, Meyer
Armstrong, Rudolph	Bergson, Ole	Brandt, Louis
Bangs, Edward	Bingham, Henry Walker	Browell, Jeremiah
Barney, Benjamin Griffin	Blake, Henry Herbert	Bryan, William

Bunker, Charles Dinmock	Fenu, John Henry	Jennings, James Hazelton
Bunker, Henry Chase	Ferris, Crawford	Jones, George Edward
Burnham, James William	Fischer, Emil A.	Jones, William
Burns, Henry Jameson	Fisher, Henry	Katz, Louis
Cameron, John William	Fisher, Henry James	Kenny, Thomas
Cartan, Francis Matthew	Foorman, Samuel	Kenitzer, Henry
Chase, Charles Metaphor	Foster, Samuel	Kerr, James Patterson
Christy, Robert Francis	Fox, Otto	Kline, Henry
Clark, George Dickson	Frank, Emanuel Max	Kohlman, Solomon
Clingman, George E	Frank, Samuel Houston	Kohn, Isaac
Coblentz, Felix	Franz, Bernhard	Kuhls, Edw'd Gerhard F'd'tk
Code, Philip D	Frapolli, Baptiste	Lachman, Albert
Cogswell, James LaFayette	Fried, Ignatius S	Ladd, George Solon
Cohen, Henry Lyon	Friedberg, Morris Solomon	Lauden, Martin Kuttner
Cohen, Simon	Friedlander, Moritz	Lang, George
Connelly, James Edward	Fuller, Andrew Henry	Langrehr, Henry Christian
Conrad, John George	Gallagher, Edward M	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis
Cooper, William	Gallagher, John Patrick	Levy, Jacob
Cowen, Joseph Richardson	Garrett, James Hylan	Levy, Morris Bernhard
Cressy, Albert	Gerhow, Frederick	Levinsky, Marks
Cronan, William	Getz, Bernhard	Leviston, George
Crowley, Timothy Jay	Getz, Joseph	Lewellyn, Reese
Curry, John	Getz, Louis	Lewis, William
Curry, Nathaniel	Getz, Marcus	Lopresti, Anthony
Cutting, John Tyler	Getz, Solomon	Lucas, Robert Hume
Danerl, Antonio	Giamboni, Natale	Luchsinger, John Jacob
Daniel, John	Giannettoni, Malachia	Lusk, Albert
Daniels, William Lyon	Goldberg, Jacob	Mack, Adolph
Darling, George Louis	Gordon, James Edward	Maguire, Thomas Frank
Davis, Henry Laurens	Gower, Samuel John	Makins, James Nicholas
Delop, George	Goyette, Joseph	Manheim, Isaac
Deveny, Peter	Gray, John Samuel	Markewitz, Augustus
Doane, John Osbourne	Green, Adam Treadwell	Marks, Jesse Emanuel
Doolittle, Jefferson Ely	Gross, Frank Wells	Martin, Henry Sebastian
Dore, Benjamin	Hall, John Chase	Mayer, S Julius
Drucker, August	Hall, Thomas Day	McAllister, William Francis
Dunn, John	Hart, Marcus	McCann, Richard
Dusenberg, Louis	Hawley, Charles Augustus	McDonald, Robert
Edelman, Charles	Hawley, Edward Augustus	McKenna, Thomas Dillon
Edgar, William Matthews	Hayes, George Walford	McKew, John
Edwards, Henry	Heister, Amos Calvin	McKenzie, John Boas
Einstein, Morris	Hern, Henry Clay	Mead, Lewis Rison
Eisenberg, Isidor	Herzo, John	Mendelson, Solomon
Elfelt, Joseph	Hewson, James	Meyer, Charles
Ellis, Benjamin Franklin	Holderness, Harold	Michaels, Aaron William
English, Leland Garrison	Holtz, Louis Frederick	Miller, Frederick Hain
Emerson, John Augustus	Hopkins, Peter	Mohrhardt, Philip Frederick
Epplinger, Jacob	Hughes, John	Moore, Thomas
Esberg, Mendel	Humphreys, George	Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Ewen, Oliver	Hunt, John Henry	Morgrove, Samuel
Ewer, Warren Baxter	Huntoon, Isaac Davenport	Murphy, John Charles
Ewing, Charles Gray	Jackson, David Bonnard	Myers, William
Falls, Richard James	Jacoby, Augustus	Nagle, Peter Buck
Farrell, Edward	Jennings, Charles Brooks	Newbauer, Herman Wolf

Newberger, Gustavus	Robinson, Cornelius Preston	Stern, Sigmund
Newman, Carleton	Robinson, John Clare	Sweet, Solomon
Nickel, Lorenz	Romaine, Nicholas Theodore	Swift, Samuel
Nicolaysen, Frank	Rosenbaum, Moses	Thalheimer, Jacob
Nutsen, Charles Andrew	Rothchild, Joseph	Thornhill, Joseph
O'Brien, John Joseph	Saalburg, William	Thornton, William Myron
O'Connor, Cornelius	Sabatie, Phillippe Gabriel	Todd, David Byron
O'Connor, Joseph	Sachs, Lippman	Triest, Bernhard
Osborn, Corra Mahlon	Sahlein, Moses	True, Charles Frederick
Parker, Charles Hubbard	Samuels, David	Tucker, Nion Robert
Parker, John Henry	Sanborn, Albion Irving	Turpin, Frederick Light
Pearson, Henry Haven	Scott, Albert Woodburn	Van Sicklen, F'd'k Wetherbee
Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce	Sawyer, Lorenzo	Vou Aspern, John
Penlington, George	Scharlin, John Aaron	Wagner, Theodore Ferd. O.
Penny, James Orymes	Schoenfeld, Jacob	Waters, Charles
Phillips, Wm. Armstrong	Schweitzer, Jacob	White, Robert Frank
Piphey, Robert Norman	Schweitzer, Morris	White, Silas Ayres
Plummer, Benjamin Lucans	Seiler, Paul	Whitefield, Rograld Elmer
Porter, William Handy	Seitz, George	Whittier, James E
Prag, Martin	Simon, Theodore Joseph	Williams, Henry
Prescott, Charles Josephus	Smith, Charles Schieffelin	Wilzinaki, Marks
Quirk, Thomas Francis	Smith, Charles Ward	Wilson, Duncan Montrose
Randall, George Clinton	Smith, David Charles	Wilson, John
Reinhart, Benjamin	Solomon, Simon	Wise, John Henry
Rice, Harvey Wood	Spaulding, George	Wores, Theodore
Richards, Charles Wesley	Spragne, Rufus William, Jr.	Wormser, Louis
Richards, Charles West, Jr.	Stern, Louis	Workheim, Morris—299.
Roberts, John Charles		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Herspring, Joseph—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Brown, Brainard Charles	Purfurst, August Bernhardt	Stiefel, Samuel—5.
Clinch, Charles Godfrey	Rosenbaum, Julius	

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Billy, Theodore George	King, Robert Irvine	Stuart, William Adams
Congdon, Henry Bliss	Nohl, Eugene William	Taubles, Maximillian
Kelly, John	Ritter, Charles August	Wedekind, George Louis—9.

EXCLUDED:

Bryan, Thomas	Enricht, Louis	Newman, Isaac—5.
Carson, James Gilmore	Gerstenberg, Henry	

DIED:

Brickwedel, Henry	Kittridge, Jonathan	Steffani, Camillo
Giacomini, Giovanni Dom	Reynolds, Leonard	Weed, Alexander—8.
Greenberg, Henry Sampson	Rosenbaum, Joseph	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	289	Withdrawn	5
Exalted.....	31	Suspended for non-payment dues	9
Affiliated	6—326.	Excluded.....	5
		Died.....	8
		Now borne upon the roll..	299—326.

SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Solomon Benas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Giles Long, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Gustave Rudorff, <i>King</i> ,	James Edgar Bequa, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Carroll Bush, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Archibald Patterson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Edward Lang, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Moore Hampton, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eduard Keil, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Francis Rooney, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Bell, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Leon, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Alvin Bacon Preston,	Edward Skinner,	Gideon Wing,
Isaac Newton McCulloch,	Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,	Solomon Benas,
Stephen Wing,	James Bell,	Alonzo Colby.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bach, William Francis	Divoll, James George	Mundorf, John
Bacon, Martin	Eichelroth, William Egedius	Parsons, Edmond,
Barlow, Abraham	Foersterling, Louis, Jr.	Potter, Isaac Justus
Bence, Adolphus	Haslacher, Jacob	Sivening, Henry
Booth, James Godfrey	Klein, Peter	Stinson, James
Byrd, Francis Jahew	Lampson, Royal Mills	Sharwood, William
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Mann, John Christian	Valbey, Abraham Martin
Carter, John Beach	Mathews, James	Wade, Charles Frederick
Collins, John	Means, Andrew Jackson	Winnie, George
Cooley, John	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Yancey, Tryon Milton—48.

DIED:

Valbey, Abraham Martin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....47	Died. 1
Affiliated 2—49.	Now borne upon the roll. 48—49.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Cornelius Kellogg, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Edward Oughton, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
Joseph Davey, <i>King</i> ,	William Durant Knights, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Alexander John Gardiner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Anthony Egl, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Lyon, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas William Clark, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Buckley Davis, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Daniel Hyman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Wesley Metcalf, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Frederick Conrad Stober, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, P.G.H.P., Wm. Monroe Petrie, G.H.P., Alfred Augustus Redington,
William Franklin Knox, William Buckley Davis, Cornelius Kellogg,
Francis Foster, Charles Mortimer Coglan, Creed Haymond.
Powell Samuel Lawson,

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Augustus	Day, James Thompson	Herzog, Philip
Acock, Thomas Lafayette	Decker, Horace Washington	Hevener, William Henry
Adams, Oliver Miller	Dennerly, Alphonse	Hillier, Theodore
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Dennerly, Bernard	Hoag, William Moffitt
Allen, John Francis	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Hoehn, Jacob
Allen, Robert	Dixon, Michael Septimus	Hollister, Dwight
Annis, Alexander Greene	Dixon, William Henry	Holmes, Henry T
Arrasmith, Vernon	Domingos, John	Houghton, William Alton
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Dresher, Valentine	Howell, Sidney Algernon
Bair, Darius H	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Ball, Charles Henry	Dunn, George	Hubbs, Anthony
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Dwyer, Michael	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Bartels, William	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Hull, Joseph
Banquer, Joseph	Eickhoff, John Henry	Hunt, William Smith
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Fay, Newton Murray	Huntoon, William Frederick
Bliss, Sidney	Fleming, Frank	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Block, Maurice	Forbes, Robert	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.
Bodenhamer, John Wesley	Foster, James Stewart	Isgau, Hans Bernhard Wm.
Boyd, John Walter	Fox, Thomas	Inwalle, John Joseph
Braun, August	Foy, Frederick Mathias	Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Brewington, Benj. Smith	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Irvine, William John
Brigge, William Ellery	Frank, Samuel	Jackson, William Franklin
Bronner, George Frederick	Frazee, Robert Smith	Jacobs, Enoch
Burnham James Henry	Frost, Amos Locke	Jenkins, George W.
Burr, Richard Palmer	Gallatin, Albert	Johnson, Julian Workman
Butler, Stephen William	Gerber, William Emil	Johnston, William
Calderwood, Job Francis	Gerson, Samuel	Jones, Edward Augustus
Carey, George William	Gillis, Dougald	Jones, William Rowland
Carey, John Thomas	Glover, Edwin	Kay, Samuel
Carlson, Edward	Gonnet, Adrian	Knights, William Rudd
Carroll, Harry Winans	Gottlieb, Samuel	Krebs, Charles Henry
Caswell, William Averill	Gregory, Eugene Julius	Lambert, Frank Ellis
Champlin, Nelson	Gregory, Frank	La Rue, Hugh McElroy
Chapman, George Warren	Griffits, John T	Lavenson, Samuel
Christy, Edward	Gruhler, John	Leloy, Louis
Cluness, William Robert	Guthrie, John William	Levison, Jacob
Cohn, Edward Francis	Haines, Gabriel	Levy, Edward Roger
Conaway, George Winfield	Hammer, Mosheim Schm'er	Libby, Warren Thompson
Cook, Hiram	Hammond, Edwin	Lightner, Bonus
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin	Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Locke, George Washington
Crocker, Henry Smith	Harper, Thomas	Maier, Jacob Fred. W. Iliam
Croly, Edward James	Harris, Elias Bramon	Marvin, Frank William
Cunningham, John Austin	Haskell, Dudley Haines	Mead, Albert Almont
Dale, Richard	Hatch, James Darrow	Meister, August
Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette	Menke, Anton
Davis, James Gilliland	Hawkins, William	Merrill, John Francis
Davis, William Hewson	Heilbron, Adolph	McAlister, Adam Armstrong

McArthur, John	Rath, Elias	Tubbs, John Charles
McConnell, Thomas	Reaseguie, James Gleason	Tufts, Albert Currier
McCormack, Charles	Richards, John	Ulp, Alfred
McDonough, John Henry	Roberts, John Henry	Van Fleet, William Carey
McKay, Daniel	Robinson, Robert	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
McLaughlin, William	Ropes, Charles Franklin	Vermilya, Abram John
Miller, John Henry	Runyon, Solomon	Wachhorst, Herman
Miller, Peter Andrew	Sawyer, James Canney	Walker, Myron Philo
Miller, William Buchanan	Schroth, John George	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Montgomery, George	Scott, Lemuel Pervine	Webster, Samuel Excelsior
Moore, Seth Beardsley	Sindelar, Joseph	Welch, Benjamin
Morse, Stephen Turner	Smith, Benjamin	Welch, George Drake
Nathan, Samuel	Smith, Frank Augustus	West, Daniel
Neusbaum, Abraham B. C.	Smith, Joshua Hughes	White, George Amos
Ochsner, John	Smith, Thomas	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
O'Neill, James	Stanley, Leander	Willard, David Wright
Oyer, Philip	Stanton, Judd Clark	Willis, Evander Berry
Pacheco, Romualdo	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer	Willis, William Ladd
Palmer, Asa John Wood	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Parsons, Charles Robert	Stevens, Charles Henry	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Parsons, Everett Curtis	Talbot, John	Woodburn, James
Peterson, William Fred'ick	Taverner, George	Wood, William
Phillips, George	Taverner, Thomas Moore	Yoerk, August Charles
Phillips, Louis	Todd, John William	Young, John Nellis
Porter, James Nichols	Trope, Peter	Zimmerman, Christian—237.
Putnam, George Alfred		

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Alltucker, Henry	Barrett, John	Clark, Jeremy Franklin—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Hogg, John Milton—1.

EXCLUDED:

Berkey, Thomas Henry—1.

DIED:

Bryding, Peter	Rademacher Charles	Woods, Jonas Stansbury—4.
Hammer, Luther Kertz		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	224	Withdrawn	1
Exalted	17	Excluded	1
Affiliated	2—243.	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	237—243.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Franklin Henry Day, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Gardner Baston, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Lyman Haskell, <i>King</i> ,	William Alexander Robertson, <i>R.A. Capt.</i> ,
Joseph McMath, <i>Scribe</i> ,	David Pugh Marshall, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Throop Graves, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Jacob Smith, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Eduard Tyrrel Bisset Mills, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Isaac Stanwood Locke, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist</i> .
	James Oglesby, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Reuben Edgar Raimond,	John Elbridge Purdy,
William Henry Lyon,	Abraham Halsey,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Franklin Henry Day,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,
John Francis Snow,	Thomas Kyle,
Hiram Throop Graves,	Charles Morton Radcliff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,
Alfred Cooledge Waitt,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,
Leonidas E Bratt,	Isaac Sutvene Titus, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Willard	Castle, Stephen	Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.
Allen, William Alvord	Center, John	Easton, Wendell
Anderson, James Holm	Center, William	Eckart, William Roberts
Angus, John Archibald	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis	Ede, William
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Chesley, Charles Palmer	Edgar, Dan Joseph
Bacon, Joseph Snowden	Childs, George	Edwards, William
Band, Henry Frederick	Clark, Alvah Kittredge	Elliot, Charles Emery
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Clifford, James Benjamin	Estate, Morris March
Barclay, Robert Henry	Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Ellwell, Luther Jerome
Barnhisel, Epenetus Ro'gers	Coe, James	Fake, George John
Bauer, John Christian	Cole, Richard Beverly	Fargo, Earl Alexander
Bautn, David Andrew	Coleman, Carlton Chinn	Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Beck, Thomas	Coleman, Edward Warren	Field, Alfred Bishop
Bell, John	Coleman, William Warren	Fielding, Samuel Marion
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff	Finck, Julius
Benson, John Adelbert	Cormac, Thos. Emmanuel K	Fisk, Henry Mortimer
Berryman, Henri Burpee	Corning, Richard Steel	Flint, Brilsford Pease
Birch, William Henry	Cox, Henry	Flynn, Martin
Black, Howard	Cox, Palmer	Fonda, William Middleton
Blake, Charles Edward	Crane, Byron Grandy	Foot, Henry Du Quesnet
Blake, James William	Cummings, Walter Bailey	Foree, George Haynes
Blaser, John Christian	Curtis, John Morrison	Foster, Arthur William
Booth, Andrew George	Dalton, Franklin	French, Frank James
Boaswell, Solomon Bailey	Dalton, Thomas Benton	Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah
Boyes, James	Damon, George Dimick	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Bragg, Robert	Davis, Edmund Smith	Garratt, William Thompson
Bridge, William Edward	Davis, Isaac Elphinstone	Gillmore, Archibald Neill
Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Dean, Peter	Grant, Thos. Chamberlain
Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Decker, Charles William	Graves, Charles Henry
Bromley, George Tisdale	Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Greenwood, Monroe
Brown, Charles Frederick	De Witt, Thomas Byron	Grey, John Thomas
Brown, Frederick Joseph	Dickinson, John Henry	Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Browning, Jeremiah	Dietterle, George	Hall, Robert
Brunner, Wm. Happersatt	Dorn, Marcellus Americus	Hamilton, Hiram Milton
Buckingham, Aurelius E.	Doud, Aaron	Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Buffington, John Mason	Dougherty, Charles Medley	Hanson, Ed'ard Henscheldey
Bullis, Omri	Dowling, Thomas Henry	Harbourne, John Wesley
Burges, Tristram	Dutton, Samuel Edwards	Hardie, Albert Milton
Burns, Henry Bernhard	Eagleson, John Geddes	Hardie, Frank Diedrich
Campbell, Robert	Earl, John Ogden	Harney, William
Campbell, Walter Channcey	Earle, Henry Halford	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn

Hartson, Chancellor	Little, William Tell	Pendergast, James Albert
Hatch, James Henry	Lloyd, Reuben Hedley	Periam, Charles James
Hayes, Robert	Lyman, Charles	Perley, Albion Starbird
Heald, Edward Payson	Macdonald, William	Peterson, Arthur Simison
Hedley, John	Mann, Azro Levi	Pierce, George Lincoln
Hemstreet, Albert David	Martin, Alexander	Pitchford, John Benjamin
Highton, Henry Edward	Martin, Minor Silas	Plate, Henry Augustus
Hildebrandt, Carsten	Martinez, Fran's Nich. Raoul	Plum, Charles Mortimer
Hinman, Louis Adrian	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.	Porter, Thomas Alexander
Hodgdon, James Peverly	Mathews, William	Powell, Robert Baldwin
Hogeboom, Law. Vosberg	Mau, William Frederick	Preston, Edgar Frank
Hopkins, Timothy	McAfee, William Adam	Price, Thomas
Horton, Thomas Rotch	McAleer, Edward Charles	Prior, John Lewis
Hotaling, Anson Parsons	McClure, David	Ramage, Walter James
Howard, Charles Shelby	McComb, John	Ramsden, Charles Hamilton
Howard, Horace Zerah	McConnell, Chalmers Newt'n	Reavis, William Henry
Howe, George Washington	McCullough, H. Van Schaick	Reis, Gustave
Howes, Cyrus Pierce	McGann, Patrick Henry	Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Hubbard, Thomas Jay	McLane, George Milligan	Richards, William Henry
Ingalls, John Newton	McLennan, Donald	Root, Ira Colburn
Jackson, Alden W	McMillan, Daniel	Rugg, Joseph Percival
Jacobs, Albert	McNee, Alexander	Rundell, William Mason
Jaynes, Frank	McNee, John Hunter	Russell, John Adam
Jeffers, Milo Sydney	McNutt, William Frederick	Russell, Monson
Jeffray, William	Mentz, John Henry	Ryan, Michael
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin	Merry, William Lawrence	Salsbury, Warren Higgins
Johnson, George	Middleton, Frank	Schoder, Joseph
Johnson, John Munroe	Miller, Stephen Baldwin	Schreiber, Martin Aug. Wm.
Johnston, John Milton	Montague, Wilford Weed	Scott, Ebenezer
Jones, Cyrus Winship	Moore, Arthur Weld	Scott, Shailer Mackintosh
Jones, Edward Thomas	Moore, Elliott Josiah	Scott, Thomas William
Jones, John Richard	Mortflew, Thomas	Scupham, John Robertson
Jones, William	Morgan, David, Jr.	Seaton, Horace Henry
Jones, William Arthur	Morgan, John Stillwell	Seymour, Simon Harry
Jost, Charles	Morrow, William W	Shaeffer, John Werner
Kaeding, Char. Van Buren	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton	Shattuck, David Dustin
Kelly, Robert Gabriel	Muller, John	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury
Kennedy, Frank	Nagel, William	Shoobert, John Edmund
Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice	Neal, Charles Sanders	Short, Peter
Kenyon, Curtis George	Newhall, Edwin White	Shortt, Law'ce Hartshorne
Kimball, Moses Coombe	Newhall, Harry Gregory	Shrader, Andrew Jackson
Kincaid, John Evans	Norcross, Daniel	Simonds, Charles Gustavus
King, Henry Lewis	O'Brien, Thomas V	Smith, Edwin Lawrence
King, Joseph Libbey	O'Connor, Thomas Michael	Smith, Frederick George
Kinne, Charles Mason	Osborn, Robert Folger	Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Kinsey, Kerst	Otersen, Herman	Spence, Abel Strawn
Knight, Edmund Ewell	Overton, Charles Parshall	Spencer, Lowell Brown
Koefoed, Charles Jean	Parker, Edward Fletcher	Stadtfeld, Jacob
Kuh, Leopold	Parson, Edward	Stafford, William Gardner
Laird, David White	Partridge, Edward Briggs	Stanley, Samuel Lewis
Landers, John	Pattison, George Freorick	Starbird, Albion Wilson
Lane, William Edward	Payne, Warren Ritch	Stark, William Alexander
Lawson, Andrew	Pearce, George Frank	Steiger, Charles Rudolphe
Leydecker, Theo. William	Peck, John Henry Fenton	Steiner, Nicholas

Stevens, William Emerson	Tozer, Charles Warren	Waters, George Latham
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne	Tripp, George Albert	Waters, William Gardner
Stoutenborough, John H'y	Turpin, William Augustus	Watkins, William Hartley
Stringer, William James	Tustin, William Isaac	Wells, Asa Reynolds
Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel	Vail, Akin Hiller	Wells, Charles Henry
Sumner, Frank William	Vance, George Prescott	Wells, William
Swenson, John Augustus	Van Denburgh, Alison	Wheeler, Jacob
Swift, James Flitcroft	Vanderslice, William Keyser	Whitney, Calvin Eastman
Taber, Jacob Spooner	Van Duzer, Oliver	Wilde, Francis Brook
Taylor, John Brinkworth	Von Staden, George	Wilkins, James Malcolm
Taylor, John Ward	Wadsworth, James C. Luke	Wilson, Charles
Thomas, Charles Lewis	Walsh, George Charles	Wilson, James Knox Polk
Thompson, George Howard	Warburton, Samuel	Woodlock, John
Thompson, Lucius	Ward, William Braddon	Wooster, John Benjamin
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy	Wardwell, Wm. Van Buren	Wright, Charles William
Thrall, Henry Homer	Warren, Joseph Maxwell	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Timmerman, George W'ton	Warren, Robert William	Wylie, James
Tonningsen, John	Warwick, James Blain	Yager, Frank
Torrence, John	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert	York, William—370.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Binge, Theo. Christoph Daniel Okell, Charles John Wright, John—3.

RESTORED:

Elliot, Charles Emery Martin, Minor Silas Wood, William Elliott—5.
Kincaid, John Evans Warren, Joseph Maxwell

WITHDRAWN:

Brooks, Thomas Hubbard Crawford, John Jones Wood, William Elliott—8.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Butler, Alban Bernard—1.

EXCLUDED:

Lewis, Edwin Reynolds, William Thomas—2.

DIED:

Allen, William Henry Hodge, John Graham Jewell, Orla Henry Whitney—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	324	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted	45	Suspended for non-payment dues	1
Affiliated.....	5	Excluded	2
Restored.....	5—379.	Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	370—379.

NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>High Priest,</i>	Halstead Stansfield, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Joseph Thomas, <i>King,</i>	William Barton, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Crawford Shaw, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Sara, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Philip Richards, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George Lovett Hughes, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robert Curnow, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>

Past High Priests:

Thos. H. Caswell, *P. G. H. P.*, Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, Kaskil Casper.
 Thomas Mein, Halstead Stansfield.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Charles Augustus	Goodwin, Jeremiah Samuel	Niles, Addison Cook
Bridges, Edwin David	Hale, Horace	Payne, Jeremiah Newton
Brown, John Earl	Hampton, Elisha	Pease, Sanford Orrin
Buffington, John Mason, Jr.	Hathaway, Francis Marion	Preston, Edward Myers
Chapman, Lucius Homer	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Reid, James
Crandall, Orman	Long, William David	Richards, William Gilbert
Daniel James	Marsh, Martin Luther	Rose, David
Dill, John	Marsh, Daniel	Rose, James
Duryea, William Henry	McBean, John	Searls, Niles
Edwards, Edward Samuel	McBrown, John	Siddles, Milan Burchard
Ennis, Franklin	McNulty, Henry	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Evans, John	Montgomery, John	Tellam, Frederick
Fauli, George Henry	Morgan, John Thomas	Tilley, Edwin
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Naffziger, Jacob	White, James
Floyd, William	Nelson, Ole Amos	Williamson, Levi—60.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Roberts, William Anderson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	54	Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
Exalted.....	5	Now borne upon the roll.....	60—61.
Affiliated.....	2—61.		

BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.

Benicia, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

George Poor, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Fleming, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas McKay, <i>King,</i>	John Mounce, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Murdock McArthur, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Scharfenberger, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Reuger, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Morgan Williams, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Louis Weinmann, <i>Secretary,</i>	Elijah Morton, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Timothy Sage, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John William Kelly, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Timothy Sage,

George Poor.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Campbell, William Robert	Long, Michael Henry	Mizner, Lansing Bond
Crooks, John Edwin	Mathewson, John	Sanborn, Edward William
Danforth, Edwin	Mathewson, William	Spalding, Charles
Grant, John	McDonald, Archibald	Stuart, Robert
Johnson, Joseph Green	McKenzie, Allan	Von Pfister, Edward Horatio

RESTORED:

Grant, John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report..... 26 Now borne upon the roll..... 27,
Restored..... 1—27.

SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Clay Webster Taylor, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel Potter Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> .
Elijah Mason Dixon, <i>King</i> ,	Edwin Leland Baldwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
John William Garden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hugh Hall Shuffleton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Gunther Fred'k Chas. Shroeter, <i>Treas.</i> ,	George Warren Averill, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ely Hopping, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Frederick Huester, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> .
Mortimer Cherberry Allen, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Ulysses Richard Lord, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Adolph Dobrowsky,	Daniel Potter Bystle,	Joseph Weil.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Charles	Moore, Joseph	Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Andrew, William	Nichols, James Levin	Souter, John
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Chappell, James Nathan	Parker, Elbridge Garry	Syme, John
Creighton, Charles Wesley	Recardo, John D	Taylor, Holloway
Cutter, Harry Hill	Reagan, James	Thatcher, Geo. Washington
Guptill, William Neal	Reinecke, Christopher	Webb, John Paxton
Hull, Sylvester	Reynolds, John Edward	Weil, David
Martin, Edward Armstead	Ross, Herman Frederick	Weil, Sigmond
Martin, Rufus Franklin	Saulon, Andrea	Wimmer, James Moses
Matlock, David B	Scammon, James Freeman	Winsell, James Fletcher
Mitchell, Marshal Alex.	Scott, John Varner	Witherow, Samuel Newton

—50.

PAST MASTER:

Lodge, Robert James—1.

DIED:

Coleman, Adoram—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report..... 51. Died 1
Now borne upon the roll..... 50—51

SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.**Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John McDougll Post, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wallace Kay, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Robert Redpath, <i>King</i> ,	William Jennings, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> .
Edward Converse Voorhies, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Henry Gunsolus, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> .
Morris Brinn, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Anderson Patterson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Victor Pacific Yelmini, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Walter Scott Cooledge, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Thomas Dunlap, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Jelmini, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward,	Robert Aitken,	John Lithgow.
John Whitten Surface,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, James	Hall, Henry Frank	Robinson, Robert
Allen, George	Isaacs, Bernard	Spagnoli, D'Benedito
Bell, William	Marchant, John	Spagnoli, Sylv'r Giovanni
Bennetts, William Arthur	McLaine, Lauchlin	Steinberger, John Adam
Berryman, Andrew	Milliken, Jesse	Stewart, James Franklin
Campbell, John Miss	Miller, John	Stewart, Samuel Decont R.
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Newman, George	Stevens, James Baunty
Davis, David Thomas	Ould, John	Surface, James Phillip
Dudley, Alonzo King	Poundstone, Laurence	Ryder Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Farley, James Thompson	Purinton, Columbus Allen	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Ford, Henry Darnell	Richardson, Lorenzo C.	Whitelach, Daniel Henry
Frates, Frank		—50.

PAST MASTER:

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Gerson, Max Prichard, Elias—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Russell, John Elisha—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Fagan, Peter—1.

EXCLUDED:

Manon, Samuel Sanford—1.

DIED:

Sutherland, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	54.	Withdrawn.....	1
		Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
		Excluded.....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	50—54.

MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.**Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Silas Wright Geis, <i>High Priest,</i>	Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Lewis Silman, <i>King,</i>	William John Hart, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Aaron Badt, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Leander Crittenden, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Adolph Simon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Nicholas Breen, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Max Wassman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Henry Berwald, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Thomas Hall, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Macmurdo Blair,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,	Hiram Newton Rucker,
John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon,	Arthur Homer Dauchy.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, William	Hulse, Alfred Wood	Russell, John
Barfield, George Hardwick	Jacobs, Isaac Henry	Snyder, John Washington
Bibby, Nicholas	Jones, Lewis Fuller	Sproule, Isaac Henry
Draper, Wilbur Fisk	Means, William Leland	Stoddard, Ebenezer Maxwell
Ferguson, William	Meany, Anthony James	Stoneroad, Geo. Washington
Harris, Charles Parsons	Rector, Elbridge Gerry	Warfield, Chs. Alex. Hamilton
Hardwick, William Jefferson	Rose, Henry Christopher	Yancey, Thomas Grayson
Howeth, Nelson		—37.

PAST MASTER:

Jacobs, Elias

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	31	Now borne upon the roll.....	37.
Exalted.....	4		
Affiliated	1		
Restored.....	1—37.		

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.**Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers, <i>High Priest,</i>	Alonzo Hounsen, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Joseph Swain Dallam, <i>King,</i>	Jesse Beach Fuller, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Henry Gerkin, <i>Scribe,</i>	Buford Wyatt Howser, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Adoniram Judson Batchelder, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Chase, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Richard Goss Stanwood, <i>Secretary,</i>	Victor Lewis Earnshields, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Jeremiah Andrew Saul, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Amos Fisher, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Lee Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Thomas Hugh Steel,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	Frederick Buttelmann,	Henry Charles Lott.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,	Lemuel Trescott Crane,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Francis Wm. Howard	Harrington, Chris. Clark	Menz, Albert Julius
Anderson, Thos. Hart Benton	Harrold, Ebenexer Nelson	Miller, Robert
Baird, George Hall	Hochstadter, Adolph	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Barnes, Avery Powers	Hochstadter, Simon	Moore, Benjamin
Barrie, John Ferguson	Holland, George	North, George
Barthe, Eugene	Hollingshead, Jos. Easton	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Hortop, Philip	Oyster, William M
Belcher, William Caldwell	Hudson, Edward Henry	Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow
Belding, Lyman	Hull, Theodore Benson	Parks, William Henry
Bevan, Thomas Edward	Hunter, William	Peffer, John
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Hutchins, Gavin Walker	Rich, Henry Hudson
Bomatter, Charles	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Slingaby, William
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Jones, William Price	Soderland, Johannes
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Keymer, James	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Clark, Levi Blaisdell	Keyser, Philip Walter	Sullivan, John Lyon
Covilland, Charles Julian	Knight, David Edgar	Swain, William Caldwell
Davis, Edwin Amenzo	Kosby, Augustus Emil	Taylor, William Alexander
Deaner, Hiram Franklin	Krause, Frederick Lowe	Teegarden, Eli
Decker, Peter	Lask, Joseph	Thom, David, Jr.
Depuy, Edward Spencer	Levy, Jacob	Thompson, Ernest Briceno
Dougall, Thomas	Logan, Anderson Dabney	Tomb, Jacob
Ellis, William Turner	Marcuse, Marcus	Van Fleet, William
Engel, John Phillip	Marcuse, Meyer A	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Flint, Joseph A	Marker, Henry Bowman	Weber, Henry Victor
Friend, William	Mattison Charles	White, Amasa Wiley
Gianella, Vincenzo	McCargar, Harman	Wightman, Avery Isaac
Gibson, Alexander	McKenzie, James Buchanan	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Grey, Frank Sidney	McNutt, John Fleming	Willey, Amasa Parker
Hamlin, Norman Scott	Meek, Emerson Emmett	Wilson, Sanford Ellis—107.

MARK MASTER:

Soderland, Noach

RESTORED:

Keefer, Henry Grant—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Eastman, James Frederick

Keefer, Henry Grant

Reese, Thomas White—3

DIED:

Caldwell, Arthur Brooks—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	106	Withdrawn	3
Exalted.....	4	Died	1
Restored	1—111.	Now borne upon the roll.....	107—111.

HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.**San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Daniel C Dunn, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wm. Winfield Blanchard, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
Orrin Francis Mann, <i>King,</i>	Fred. Sanford Coffin, <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i>
John Nathaniel Prather, <i>Scribe,</i>	Morris Ladd, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Clement Theodore Park, <i>Treasurer</i>	Byron Parinton, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Fred. Ellis, <i>Secretary</i>	Francis Marion Righter, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Alexander Fleming, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Henry Howard Cook, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.,</i>	Henry Howard Cook,	Wilson Hays,
Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	William Osman Breyfogle,	Daniel C Dunn.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, William, Jr.	Ginty, John	Moser, Jacob
Andrews, Hardage Lane	Gribner, George Thomas	Mott, John
Arnold, Austin	Hamilton, Alonzo Babbitt	Niehaus, Edward
Barling, Harry	Hare, Andrew Jackson	Northern, William Leander
Beard, John Lyman	Haydock, William Henry	Peacock, Geo. Washington
Bennett, Augustus Griffin	Hollis, William Henry	Priest, Richard Turner
Bennett, George Edmund	Hopkins, Isaiah Litler	Reeve, Oscar Joel
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Keith, John Matthew	Reither, Jacob
Blair, Thomas Henry	Kent, Delos G.	Roberts, Return
Bowen, Alfred	Laine, Thomas Henry	Rowley, Albanus Bellger
Bowman, George Melville	Lenzen, Theodore	Rucker, Joseph Edmundson
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	Lighthall, John Elisha	Sargent, James Pattee
Braly, John Hyde	Livingston, William	Sexton, William
Bray, George	Lowrie, John	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Breyfogle, Charles Wesley	Marsten, Samuel Ingersoll	Sim, George
Brown, Jeremiah Yancy	Martin, William Joseph	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw
Oadwallader, Niram	Maine, William Thomas	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram
Castle, Alex. Wilson	McAfee, Andrew Finley	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
Cate, Horatio Wilson	McClosky, Thomas	Tisdale, William DeWitt
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	McDougal, Giles Eggleston	Vandine, Eben
Cook, Joseph Wheeler	McKee, George Butterfield	Wagener, Samuel Hopkins
Cory, Benjamin	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Weller, Henry Olp
Daugherty, Wm. Wallace	McNeil, Albert Beebe	Wells, Proctor R
Emerson, George	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Whidden, George Ackerman
Fallon, Thomas	Montgomery, Thomas M	Williams, Edward
Finch, Philetus	Moore, Howell Chappelle	Woodrow, Wm. Larkin
Garnier, Thomas Ralph	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Wright, Henry Ward—99.
Gay, Milus Harvey	Mortimer, William	

PAST MASTERS:

Menzel, Robert

Wilcox, Frank Wilbur—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Scott, Alexander Franklin—1.

DIED:

May, George—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	90	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	8	Died.....	1

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Morris Walbridge, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Rice, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>King</i> ,	Louis Constantine Huseman, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Andrew Jackson Fabricius, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John William Bird, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Vance, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry David Robertson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James McDermitt Davidson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Daniel Beam,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	John William Bird,
Abisha Swain,	John Morris Walbridge,	Louis Constantine Huseman.
James Vance,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amos, James	Horn, David	Owens, Alexander
Amos, Thomas	Jones, John Johnson	Riley, Francis
Caldwell, Daniel	Little, James Berkley	Rostetter, George
Carrick, Elijah	McConnell, William	Schnackenberg, Claus
Doten, Josiah Wilson	Nichols, Henry	Schwatka, Andrew Edward
Eddy, William Castleton	Osterman, Jurgen	White, Samuel—33.
Harmon, John Enoch		

WITHDRAWN:

Knight, George Horace—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....27	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted	7—34. Now borne upon the roll.....	33—34.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.

Placerville, El Dorado County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>King</i> ,	James Lambeth Weymouth, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Samuel Jamison Alden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John William Deuch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Seth Loveless, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frederick Ferdinand Baras, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Theisen, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Chas. Henry Weatherwax, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Charles Caleb Pierce, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Charles John Arvidsson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Baras,	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	George Heirn Gilbert.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Avansino, Nicola	Fraser, Thomas	Miller, Daniel Rice
Barlow, George Washington	Gelwicka, Daniel William	Miller, John Wesley
Blair, John	Hamel, Henry	Page, Horace Francis
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilaire
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Mack, George Franklin	Schneider, John
Celio, Carlo Guiseppe	Markle, John Alexander	Van Voorhies, Ralph Josiah
Danz, Paul	McKee, George Washington	Yeadon, William—34.

DIED:

Hunger, Frederick

Rolleri, Guiseppe—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	32	Died.....	2
Exalted.....	3	Now borne upon the roll.....	34—36.
Affiliated.....	1—36.		

LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.

Iowa City, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Green Wolfe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Edward George Spencer, <i>Prin Sojourner</i> ,
Albert Parah Smiley, <i>King</i> ,	William Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Willis Fish Gould, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Chester Hackett, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Weeks Chinn, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George William Lord, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Clinton Rich, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Jasper Rich, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Franklin Yoder, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich,

James Ross.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Hyman, Samuel	Mill, William
Rooth, Garrett	Ingersoll, Darius	Mitchell, Edward
Carder, James Byron	Jacobs, James Monroe	Myrick, John Wesley
Christy, William	Jouss, Owen	Parker, George Marrott
Coker, Gould Carleton	Juergensen, Peter Nicola	Smith, Jonathan Mitchell
Develey, Henry K.	Lewis, Robert	Stevens, Truman Allen
Hammill, Henry	McGraw, Dennis Joseph	White, William King—35.
Hobson, John Beaugard		

WITHDRAWN:

Vaughn, Daniel Jackson—1.

DIED:

Jones, George—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	33	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	4—37.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	35—37.

GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>King,</i>	Herman Uphoff, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Gordon Hudson, <i>Scribe,</i>	George Vincent, <i>Master 3d Vail.</i>
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Robert Kemp, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Elliott Deamer, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Theo Henry Wilhelm, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Houston Whiting, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble,	Edward Coleman,	John Crisp Coleman.
William McCormick,	Reuben Leach,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Robert	Gluyas, James	Noel, Richard
Andrews, James	Granger, Samuel	Noel, James Clymer
Angove, John	Halleck, Joseph	Noonan, Patrick
Bennallack, James	Hand, William Dawson	Pears, Joseph
Berg, Alfred	Hand, William Henry	Polglase, John
Berriman, Henry	Harris, William David	Price, Briscoe Hugh
Binkelman, David	Harris, Stephen Michael	Rhatigan, John
Bryant, David	Hatch, Martin Payne	Roberts, Edmund Wilson
Oaddy, Richard	Hooper, James	Roland, Louis Jerome
Castron, William	Husom, Andrew	Sanders, John
Champion, James	Ingram, Thomas	Saxon, Edward
Clift, William	Johnston, Peter	Saxon, James
Coombs, William	Jones, William C	Spencer, William Kenyon
Coombe, William	Kendig, Daniel	Stien, Isidore
Crocker, John Ross	Long, Stephen	Stoddard, Alexander
Dorsey, John Jacob	Lowrey, Richard Daniel	Stoddard, Orlando
Dorsey, Samuel Packwood	Madrill, Charles Edward	Stoddard, Walter Scott
Douglass, William	Majors, John Newton	Stokes, William Charles
Dunston, William	Mitchell, William Henry	Vogelman, Henry
Fairhurst, Geo. Washington	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Fricot, Jules	Moore, Stephen	Werry, John—79.
Gad, Bernard		

PAST MASTER:

Barker, Charles—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bryant, William Henry Loney, Christopher—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burnie, Alexander

EXCLUDED:

Williams, Henry—2.

Brady, Alexander Buchanan—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	76	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	6	Suspended for non-payment dues..	2
Affiliated.....	1	Excluded.....	1
Restored.....	1—84.	Now borne upon the roll.....	79—84.

TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.**Weaverville, Trinity County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wiley James Tinnin, <i>High Priest,</i>	John McMurry, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>King,</i>	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe</i>	Detlef Hansen, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Peter Paulsen, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Betty Essick, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Champion W Smith, <i>Secretary</i>	David Harden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John William Philbrook, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,	James Harvey,	John McMurry.
Wiley James Tinnin, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Black, Peter Patterson	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Raab, Louis Frederick
Given, James Edgar	Miller, Thomas Love	Rowles, James
Given, William Oushing	Musser, John	Smith, John Huron
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Paulsen, Jacob	Van Matre, George
Hackett, George J.	Pickett, James Madison	Zarli, Frederick—30.
Harvey, Alfred		

PAST MASTER:

Shuford, John William—1.

DIED:

Vollmers, Otto—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....31. Died..... 1
 Now borne upon the roll.....30—31.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.**Oreville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Warren Sexton, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Moore Shaw, <i>Principal Sojourner</i>
Edward Jennings Davis, <i>King,</i>	Samuel Samuel Simon, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Wallace H Chappell, <i>Scribe,</i>	Nathaniel Dunbar Plum, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Ralzemond Parker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Featherstone, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Thomas Callow, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Wilhelm Hoops, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Milton James Green, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Konstantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Callow,	Arthur McDermott,	Charles Hart Wilcox,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Thomas Jarrett Jenkins,	John Carleton Gray.
George Clement Perkins,	George Henry Crosette,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bayles, David	Gridley, Charles Edward	Perkins, David King
Bowden, James Frederick	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Powell, David
Brock, Joseph Herbert	Hartson, Charles Gardner	Pratt, Enoch Henry
Brown, William Alexander	Heintz, Thibaud	Ruggles, Elijah Star
Buchanan, Phil. Goodridge	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Schultz, John Fridrich
Barroughs, Charles	Hewitt, John Boughton	Simon, Lewis Aaron
Butler, Charles Frederick	Hundley, Patrick Ogilby	Sjoberg, Anders Gustaf
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Hutchins, Thomas Boyd	Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison
Dyer, George Washington	James, William	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Edmunds, William	Kitchen, Isaac Warren	Stearns, Amos Kies
Fagan, Edward	McDermott, Wm. Patrick	Taber, Floyd
Faulkner, Thomas	Medanich, George	Waldeyer, Charles
Fleming, Thomas Robert	Melton, Leander M. C.	Wells, Michael Henry
Foreman, William	Meredith, John Robert	Williams, Jacob
Glass, Louis	Morgan, Jenkin	Willoughby, Nicholas
Goodday, Louis	Noel, Henry Harrison	Young, Henry George—68.
Grace, Robert Patrick		

MARK MASTER:

Jones, Peter—1.

DIED:

Logan, James Columbus—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....59	Died..... 1
Exalted..... 9	Now borne upon the roll.....68—69.
Affiliated..... 1—69.	

SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downsville, Sierra County.

Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Byington, <i>King</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Brown Crooks, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jacob Lewis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Aden Denmire, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ryan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Lawrence, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George C. Martin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Thatcher, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Warner,

William Thompson Luther.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbe, George Henry	Erschbacker, Franz Antone	St. Pierre, John
Aird, Alexander Fisher	Jones, John Oscar	Thomas, Henry
Anderson, Andrew	McGregor, James	Thompson, David Edward
Bernhardt, Lewis	McNaughton, Donald	Wallie, Hiram Wilsey
Blohm, John August	McNaughton, James	Wayland, William Allen
Bradbury, John T	Mowry, Lewis	West, John Thorrensues
Busch, August Christopher	Pilond, Edouard	Whitney, David Livingston
Clute, John Howard	Ross, John	Wilcox, Schnyler Nind
Culbert, William	Skinner, John Maxwell	Wilkins, William
Edmonds, Thomas	Stewart, Samuel Curtis	Wilkinson, William
Ellery, Henry, Jr.	Strange, Henry	Williams, Thomas—46.

WITHDRAWN:

Gale, John—1.

DIED:

Peacock, James Richard Weir, Hiram George—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	45	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	3	Died.....	2
Restored.....	1—49.	Now borne upon the roll.....	46—49.

PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.

Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Emery Cox, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Platt Benediot Gilbert, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas J Beggs, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Washington Zartman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Singley, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Hill, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Leonard Haubrich, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jonathan Mitchener, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Levi Hartzell Patty, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Singley,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen,	Noah William Scudder,
Thomas Jefferson Graham,	William Barnabas Haskell,	Joseph Alonzo Wiswell.
Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baur, John	Falkner, Miles Henry	Sartori, Ignatio
Bihler, William	Grandi, Salvatore	Schroyer, Aaron
Bonetti, Luca	Haney, Frank	Taft, Hiram Fayette
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Hasbrouck, Hiram Brown	Tempel, Conrad
Brainard, Henry Paine	Heineken, Herman Albert	Thompson, Jefferson Asberry
Burnham, Charles Franklin	Hesseltine, Benjamin Loring	Tomasini, Louis
Cavanagh, John	Jacobs, Thomas Robert	Tomasini, Juliano
Chopard, Louis	Kahn, Achille	Tomasini, Matteo
Christie, John Boyd	Knowles, James Hulme	Van Doren, John Saydam
Collins, Franklin Miller	Lauck, Joseph Benjamin	Veale, William Roe
Cox, William Edwin	Lewis, John Bacon	Walter, Isaac M
Crowley, Timothy Joseph	Lippitt, Edward Spalding	Ward, George Franklin
Davis, George Warren	McGrew, Samuel	White, Josiah Howe
Denman, Ezekiel	Merritt, John	Whitney, Albion Paris
Denman, Frank Hardenb'gh	Ormsby, John Harper	Whitney, Arthur Leslie
Dinwiddie, Jas. Lockridge	Pedrazzini, Louis	Wickersham, Jessie O
Dreyfus, Edward	Poehlmann, Conrad	Yeomans, Charles
Fairbanks, Dolph Brice	Polk, Charles Ephraim	Zartman, William
Fairbanks, Hiram Tolbert	Roseburgh, Allen	Zook, Francis Kurts—76.
Fairbanks, Joseph Frank	Rugg, William Hazen	

WITHDRAWN:

Ink, Theron Hotchkiss—1.

DIED:

Moffitt, John Pierce, Abraham Jewell—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	69	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	10—79.	Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	76—79.

OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 23.

Forest Hill, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

John E Allan, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Tickel, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Felix Chappelet, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Trafton, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Erskine Allan, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Christian Volland, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Alexander Dolt, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William MacLennan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Simeon Sylvester Willard, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> .
Frank Ellsworth Colburn, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Joel Franklin Smith, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Russell Glover,	Joel Franklin Smith,	John E Allan.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Blumenthal, Louis	Fast, John Henry Adolph	Lynd, Charles
Breece, Abram	Goff, Abner W	McLean, John William
Byrd, Jacob Warwick	Hodge, James	Sparks, Reuben Moore
Carter, John Franklin	Hosmer, Thomas Norwood	White, Walter Raleigh
Cowan, Gordon Robinson	Huntley, Asabel	Williams, Richard—30.
Dewey, Charles Hitchcock	Jones, John D	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....30. Now borne upon the roll.....30.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Camptenville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Richard Baker, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Alexander Meek, <i>King</i> ,	Valentine Cook McMurry, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Moore, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Douglas Alexander Macphee, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Bull Meek, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Gardiner Miller, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Otis Nelson Marrow, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
David Calvin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Russell, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Josiah Perkins Brown,	Richard Munt,	Valentine Cook McMurry.
John George McLellan,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnott, James	Gibson, William Walker	Nelson, James
Beaman, John Henry	Landecker, David Henry	Phillips, Thomas
Covey, Eugene Beauharnais	Mansur, Carlos Frederick	Smith, Henry
Farley, George Sidney	McLellan, Charles	Spencer, Stephen—25.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Kennady, John Rufus—1.

DIED:

Elias, Isaac—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....23 Died..... 1
 Exalted..... 3—26. Now borne upon the roll.....25—26.

GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.**Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest,</i>	Henry Warren Russell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Elijah Harper Watson, <i>King,</i>	Frederick Lagerson, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Beattie, <i>Scribe,</i>	Geo. Washington Simpser, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Glasbie Corwin, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
DeWitt Clinton Benjamin, <i>Secretary,</i>	Frank Oliver Mills, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Moon, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Harvey Elias Warren, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Boush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
John Ernest Kunkler,	John Dodd Skinner,	Ellison Lassell Crawford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, William Carey	Dunahoo, Wm. Washington	Maltby, Henry Grove
Bassi, Glosni	Filippini, Rinaldo	Pease, Edwin R
Bayley, Alcantar Alonzo	Fleishman, Jacob	Pedrin, Cipriano
Carter, John Elliot	Jillson, Emmett	Pedrin, Massimino
Davison, John Paul Jones	Jones, Thomas Edward	Wade, John—30.

DIED:

Berry, Solomon Adams—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....28	Died.....1
Exalted.....3—31.	Now borne upon the roll.....30—31.

OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.**Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Edwin Gillett, <i>High Priest,</i>	James Todd Gardiner, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Amasa Wright Bishop, <i>King,</i>	Ebenezer Winchester, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Frederick Wales Knight, <i>Scribe,</i>	Dennis David Crowley, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Frank Pierce, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George Goodman, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Lentell, <i>Secretary,</i>	Henry Philip Dalton, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher,	William Burt Blayton,	Frank Howard Brooks.
Benjamin Akerly,	James Todd Gardiner,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Ayer, Isaac	Francis, Samuel	Rasmussen, Hans
Ayres, William Harrison	Glascock, John Raglan	Reid, Charles Wood
Babcock, Geo. Washington	Greenhood, Jacob	Reinstadler, Francois
Bennison, George Edward	Henninger, Frederick	Ryttenberg, Isaac Daniel
Blair, George Washington	Irwin, John Clark	Schaffer, Louis
Broad, Charles	Kerr, Louis Carmick	Share Alfred Joseph
Bryan, Marshal Ney	Logan, Oliver Cunningham	Shattuck, Francis Kittridge
Burdick, John Fosdick	Mann, Benjamin Franklin	Shiman, John Louis
Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Marr, Archibald Campbell	Troy, John Henry
Cordes, Paul Henry	Marsh, John Carleton	Warner, Franklin
Cramer, Adolph Ed. Henry	McKeen, Albert Atwater	Watson, William Callaghan
Delger, Frederick	McKenzie, William William	Williams, Marc Anthony
Dieves, Joseph	Newsom, John J	Williams, Nicholas
Everett, Daniel Henry	Nolan, Stephen	Wright, Willard Carroll
Evers, John Henry	Nordhausen, Ernest Albert	Wonderlich, John Peter—61.
Ferguson, Henry James	Pierce, John Hiram	

WITHDRAWN:

Hall, Joseph Lee

Wales, Thatcher Peter—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burner, John Davies

Estrada, Frederick

Janassen, Ernst Fred Geo.—3.

DIED:

Harwood, William Douglas

Hitchcock, Henry Elisha

Kennedy, William—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	59	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	8	Suspended for non-payment dues..	3
Affiliated.....	2—69.	Died.....	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	61—69.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Fleming Rooney, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Matthias Fulweiler, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George Wallace Applegate, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Milton Todd, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Gera Bretton Predmore, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benj. Dulaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Peter Grohs, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Milton Bardwell, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Gould Bisbee, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Charles John Hellwig,

John Thompson Kinkade,

John Gould Bisbee.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barter, William	Hoppert, Christoph Henry	Roberts, William Robert
Borland, James	Ketchum, Marvin	Rusing, Edward S
Burchard, James Philo	Lavenson, Moses	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick
Coleman, Timothy	Levison, Isidor	Severance, William Wallace
Connor, John Michael	Lux, Francis Antone	Shepherd, Harper Michael
Curl, Louis	Martin, Charles	Smith, Edward Guy
Curtis, Henry Chittendon	McBride, John	Stonecipher, Isaac
Dickinson, Thomas	Mears, Josiah	Sundholm, Matts
DuBois, Pierre Cheesman	Moore, Wash'gt'n LaFayette	Taylor, Hosea
Ertle, John	Mullen, William Henry	Taylor, John Nay
Griffith, Griffith	Phillips, James Penrarya M.	Whittemore, Adrian Story
Harper, Thomas Burrill	Phillips, Joseph Eva	Winders, John Robert—51
Harry, John	Pratt, Jonathan Davis	

DIED:

Graham, Charles Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51 Died..... 1,
 Affiliated..... 1—52. Now borne upon the roll..... 51—52.

STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ephriam Robbins, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William McGuffick, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
John Henry O'Brien, <i>King</i> ,	Theodor Temple Park, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
John Yardley, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Arthur Morgan Noble, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Cunningham, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Scott, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Milton Pierce Henderson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Franklin Bagley, <i>C. of the Host</i> ,	Philip Thomas Brown, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Alexander Chalmers,	Isaac Lothrop,
Edward Richards Hedges,	George Alex. McKenzie,	Doran Lucius Campbell.
Thomas Kent Hook,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Backman, Carl August	Brutsche, Charles	Dunbar, Sylv's Gil. Sargent
Barber, Joseph Martin	Buckley, William Samuel	Eldridge, Edward Duane
Bargion, Peter	Caine, John	Fanning, Howard Malcomb
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Folsom, Gilman
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce	Oaven, James	Fraser, Philip Barry
Beckwith, Byron DeLa	Cavis, Joseph Mills	French, Abel Claypool P.
Belding, Charles	Cavis, Joseph William	Fredberger, Arnold
Berry, Frederick T	Confer, Solomon Lytle	Fyfe, Joseph
Bond, Morris Hartwell	Craig, Howard Mills	Gardner, Thomas M
Bonney, Charles Summer	Daniels, James Moore	Graham, William

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Harrison, Norval	Lehe, Eugene	Sanguinetti, Domenico
Harrison, William Bruce	Little, William Jackson	Schmidt, Frederick Wm.
Harrold, Nathn'l Siggons	McKinnon, Angus	Shaw, Henry Coffin
Hickman, Edward	Meinecke, Frederick	Sherman, Edwin Brown
Hildreth, George Francis	Milco, Nicola	Shurtleff, Geo. Augustus
Hodgkins, Henry	Misener, Norman Sumner	Smith, Geo. Falkenburgh
Hosmer, John Allen	Newell, Timothy Winn	Snow, William
Jackson, John Rob't Scott	Orr, Nelson Mills	Stockton, Elias Alonzo
Jamieson, And. Robertson	Parris, Jacob Blum	Swain, Cornelius
Jockers, David	Peters, Joseph D	Taylor, Charles Edwin
Keeler, William Henry	Phelps, Joseph Larose	Tilghman, George
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie	Ranney, Sullivan	Thompson, John William
Keyes, William Henry	Reid, Robert King	Vance, John Anderson
Kinsley, Charles Nichols	Rhodes, Charles Wise	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter
Kirkland, William	Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison	Woods, John Newton
Langford, Benj. Franklin	Robertson, Peter Sterling	Woods, Samuel Mosely
Langridge, Geo. Washing'tn	Russell, Richard William	West, Fre'k Masondray—99.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Hines, John Sherburn—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Bailey, Lamartine Edward Smith, James Caldwell Thresher, Minord Sprague—4.
 Hughes, Henry John

DIED:

Paulk, Charles Cyrus

Stewart, Frank—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	88	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....	15	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	1	Now borne upon the roll....	99—105.
Restored.....	1—105.		

MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Napoleon Morris, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Robert McMurray, <i>King</i> ,	Harry Herman Buhring, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Dunning, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Anson Burlingame Swan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Voel Harris, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Trood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Albert James Wood, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Elon White, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry
Bank, Frederick William
Beard, James Edward
Bell, Francis Hiram
Billing John
Bristow, William
Buhring, Louis
Butler, Patrick Henry
Chisholm, James
Courter, Henry Farley
Call, Henry
Conard, James Henry
Davis, William Morgan
Freeman, Thomas
Furth, Simon
Germiquet, Louis Adolph
Gilbert, Josiah Stephens
Harris, Jarred Junius

Harris, Thomas
Helwig, John Henry
Henderson, Duncan
Hickman, John Clayborne
Hiscox, Irving Menner
Huff, William
Inder, Job Staples
Jepsen, Christian Otto
Lancaster, Charles Edward
Lewellyn, Daniel
Lisson, Richard Samuel
McCoy, John
McCullough, James
McIntire, James Lamberton
Morse, Francis Edwin
Netter, Nathan
Qaborn, Thomas Israel
Pascoe, Erasmus

Phillips, Reuben
Quick, John
Redington, James
Rogers, Joseph D
Rogers, William James
Rossen, Peterson Raamus
Ruse Joseph
Scheuerman, Charles
Spoonner, George Cummings
Stone, John
Stokes, David
Sunderland, Erskine Mason
Thomas, Richard
Treasor, James McWade
Trood, William
Williams, William William
Woodruff, Aphek Lorenzo
Wood, Washington—67

PAST MASTER:

Jones, William Arthur—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Jepsen, Jacob

Morgan, John Thomas—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....61 Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 8—69. Now borne upon the roll67—69.

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Hay Knapp, *High Priest*,
Gottardo Bustelli, *King*,
Thomas Marcom Martin, *Scribe*,
Robert Crouch, *Treasurer*,
David Leopold Haas, *Secretary*,
William Thomas Johnson, *O. of the Host*,

Charles Ray Gritman, *Principal Sojourner*,
Daniel Burrell Parks, *Royal Arch Captain*,
William Andrews, *Master 3d Val*,
Henry Louis Amstutz, *Master 2d Val*,
Calvin Brown Walker, *Master 1st Val*,
Amos Smith Knapp, *Guard*.

Past High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp, *P. G. H. P.*,
Robert Crouch,

William Bradford,

Charles Ray Gritman.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bettis, Frederick Allison
Briggs, Sebra
Brown, Jacob Barry
Clark, Samuel Gilman
Corwin, Louis Marion
Ellis, Frederick Plummer
Fisher, William Frederick
Gottleson, Henry
Haas, Martin Luther
Hawks, John

Holden, Samuel Emery
Hoover, John
Horstmeyer, Henry Conrad
Johnston, Ewing Finis
Keyser, Daniel Sterling
Lasher, Abner Erastus
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Morford, Nathan Albert
Miller, Francis Ashbury

Robinson, Bebee
Sampson, Andrew
Sayward, James Wheaton
Schoenewald, George
Shaw, Matthew
Shurtleff, Benjamin
Smith, William C. Schenck
Woodward, Edwin Webster
Zollner, John Ferdinand—41.

PAST MASTERS:

Hottel, Eli Washington Manasse, Emanuel Robinson, Joseph Lilburn—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Carver, Dimsdill Burr Kettlewell, Benj. Franklin Pickett, Charles Nathan
Greer, Thomas Lyman, Wm. Whittingham Steves, John Henry—6.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Ellis, Ralph Wines, Charles Buckley Wooley, Burt Eliphaas—4.
Sterling, Robert Henry

DIED:

Van Bever, Peter—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	47	Withdrawn.....	6
Exalted.....	2	Suspended for non-payment dues..	4
Affiliated.....	3—62.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	41—62.

MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William John Douglas, <i>High Priest,</i>	Henry Pugh Edwards, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe,</i>	Bernard Borach, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Isidor Weiss, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Charles Roberts, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Samuel Cousins, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Eli Robins Chase, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Goncaloes Lucas, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Allen Brown,	Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer,	William John Douglas.
Hiram Mills,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, George Edmund	Gamble, James	Rankin, James
Athen, James	Gray, James	Rhoads, John Charles
Baker, Corlin Clark	Griffin, Thomas	Ridgway, Frazier
Baldwin, Barry	Guy, John W.	Ruggles, Chas. Augustus
Black, Joseph	Hinman, Justus	Sanford, Farmer
Blum, Gabriel	Hollenbeck, Henry Mills	Shreeves, Benjamin
Boyd, John Wheaton	Holliday, George	Slitz, John
Brown, Samuel	Jones, Joseph Philip	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Brown, Warren	Joye, Edward Vernon	Turrell, George William
Burpee, Winfield Scott	Lambert, Hiram	Wagy, Elner B
Carter, Thomas Orlando	McCarger, Philander	Walker, James Tormay
Compton, William	McKellip, Stephen Horace	Wiley, George Adrian
DeWitt, James Madison	Miller, Charles Edward	Williams, Isaac
Evans, Hugh	Newberger, Solomon	Wolford, Leo Hugo
Fernandez, Bernardo	O'Brien, John Conlin	Wright, George Creighton
Gallagher, Henry Clay	Parkinson, Mannel Casada	Zech, August Frederick—62.

WITHDRAWN:

Tours, Jacobus—1.

EXCLUDED:

Wall, George Wiggins, George—2.

DIED:

Hale, William Morrill—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....56	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....7	Excluded.....2
Affiliated.....3—66.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....63—66.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Samuel Prager, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Andrew Henry Denker, <i>King,</i>	Henry Martyn Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
George Rawson Butler, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Seth Crawford, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Moritz Morris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Robert Eckert, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Michael Levy, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas William Shaw, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Herman Niedecken, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	Samuel Calvert Foy,	George Hinds,
Henry Sayre Orme, <i>P. G. H. P.,</i>	Samuel Prager,	James Seth Crawford.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Henry Nash	Gross, Frederick	Meyer, Samuel
Allen, Gabriel	Grymes, George Anderson	Moore, Walter Scott
Barnett, John Zacharia	Hammel, Henry	Porter, Theo. Cunningham
Barrows, Henry Dwight	Hewitt, Eldridge Edward	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Baruch, Berthold	Iaiger, Lewis John Fred'k	Riggs, William Henry
Baruch, Jacob	Illich, Jerry	Ryan, Michael Edward
Berman, Elias	Jacoby, Herman	Russell, Henry T
Bennett, Silas	Lambie, William Thomas	Ryan, Andrew William
Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Lambourne, Frederick	Spence, Edward Fallis
Davis, Philip	Loew, Jacob	Weil, Jacob
Ducommun, Charles Louis	Long, Jerry	Weldon, Arthur
Enz, Charles Augustus	McLellan, Geo. Frederick	Weston, Benjamin S
Flanigan, Thomas Joseph	Meyberg, Moritz	Yapp, Frederick Geo.—54.

WITHDRAWN:

Downey, John Gately—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....3	Now borne upon the roll.....54—55.
Affiliated.....1—55.	

ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.

Quincy, Plumas County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Rob't Hen. Faunt LeRoy Variel, <i>H. Priest</i> ,	Arthur Walter Keddle, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Ephraim Mitchell, <i>King</i> ,	Julien Jacquel, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Miller, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Maurice Chapman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Peter Howard, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Thomas Byers, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joshua Hutchins Variel, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Henry Whitlock, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Davis Clark Hall, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Samuel Taylor, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Abel McFarland,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland,	Joshua Hutchins Variel,
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,	Charles Oliver McQuestion,	Rob't H'y F. LeRoy Variel.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brabban, Dixon	Lee, Thomas Corydon	Sammons, Benjamin Jacob
Cohn, Asher	Lloyd, John Preston	Schofield, Miles
Descombes, Francis	McDonald, Gilbert	Smith, Charles
Douglass, John	Meikle, William	Smith, Daniel Robertson
Dwinelle, Aaron Lorenzo	Meylert, Gurdon W.	Sutherland, Boderick
Folsom, Daniel	Nevill, John	Thomas, John Hiram
Hendel, Charles William	Parsons, Edward Ira	Thompson, Christopher
Ketchum, John Addison	Ruppert, Charles	Thorpe, Joseph Henry--40.

WITHDRAWN:

Graham, George James	McLeod, George	Small, Jacob--5.
McFarland, John Carr	Schultz, John Frederick	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45.	Withdrawn.....5
	Now borne upon the roll.....40--45.

NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Christian Theodore B. Hallin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Daniel Lazelle, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Howland Jordan, <i>King</i> ,	Benjamin Benas, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Harry Carlton Good, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Adrian Williams, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Roney, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Rounds, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Daly, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Sylvester Warford, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jonathan Bond, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jno. Mills Browne, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	George Fayette Mallett,	James Roney,
Mattison Myers	Charles Daly,	Roland Jackson McDaniel.
Osgood Hilton,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Garland, Frank	Powell, Abraham
Aden, John Remmers	Gottschalk, Charles	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham
Aden, Melchert Remmers	Haskins, Enoch William	Rogers, David William
Bergwall, Gustaf Adolph	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Rothenbush, Peter
Bertoscky, Alex. Bertsch	Harrier, Louis Garabaldi	Rutherford, David
Bowman, Frank Austin	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Sailor, John Henry
Bowman, Simeon Clemens	Higson, Frederick Delmer	Savage, Thomas
Brown, Francis Edward	Hilborn, Samuel Greeley	Scott, Alexander, Jr.
Brown, Roswell Homer	Hoornbeck, Eugene	Sides, George Elvin
Brownlie, John	Kemper, Melchior	Shillingsburg, William
Bruce, Henry	Laviere, Frank	Smith, John Daniel
Butler, Ira Mortimer	Little, Samuel	Spencer, John Abram
Butler, Orrin Hartwell	Lister, Benjamin	Starr, Edward Thompson
Carter, William	McCool, Daniel Miller	Thomas, John
Chandler, Robert	McLees, Edmund	Titcomb, John Locke
Clausen, August Ernst	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Toothaker, Harvey Puringt'n
Clark, William Henry	Miller, Peter Bower	Topley, James
Drake, Frank	Morse, Charles Alonzo	Tripp, William Henry
Duncan, John Kennedy	Much, George Washington	Voorhees, Albert Parsons
Farley, Dallas Jones	Nagle, Richard Wellington	Wall, Charles John
Farnham, John	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Webster, Henry John
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Peck, George	Willata, Edward Albert
Faust, John	Phillips, James	Wilson, George Wilkins
Ferrier, Francis	Plaisted, George Pomroy	Wright, Gilbert Lafayette
Ford, John Harris	Pelham, Alexander	Wright, Martin Jeremiah
Frey, John		—93.

RESTORED:

Falls, Richard James

Miller, Peter Bower—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Duckworth, Lawrence

Falls, Richard James

Williams, Alton Levant—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Perkins, Alonzo—1.

DIED:

McCobb, Abiel Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....90	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....6	Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
Restored.....2—98.	Died.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	93—98.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Samuel Thorburn Black, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Bequette Rudolph, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Nelson Fox, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Wesley Hewes, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Moses Eadon, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Ward, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Dexter Pierce, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Miller, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Webb Nicholson Pearce, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Freeman Southard, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Craib, <i>Captain of the Host</i>	

Past High Priests:

Alpheus Fuller Williams,	William Addison Walter,	Edward Edmund Potter,
Nathan W. Spaulding, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Frank Worthy Cushing,	John Eliot Benton,
Walter Laidlaw,	George Edwin Whitney,	John Bartoli Harden.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allardt, George Frederick	Gaskill, Rollin Corralus	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart
Allum, Leroy Wood	Gifford, William M	Palmer, Henry Austin
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Greenman, Harmon	Pardee, Enoch Homer
Austin, James Davis	Gordon, Jos. Smith Gilman	Patterson, George
Baker, Alfred Septimus	Hamilton, William Thomas	Payne, Frank Howard
Banks, Charles Wells	Haven, Charles Dwight	Phillips, John Waterman
Bartlett, Phiny	Hayes, Daniel Edward	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Belden, Henry Keney	Herbert, Henry Vanderveer	Plomteaux, Henry John
Bennett, Thomas	Heron, Ernest Alvah	Pratt, George Childs
Betts, William Michel	High, Wm. Henderson, Jr.	Prouse, Charles
Bice, John	Hudson, George Henry	Ranlett, Horace Dodge
Bones, Samuel West	Hughes, Robert Allen	Raymond, Charles Seward
Borland, Archibald	Hunter, James	Rector, Ludlow James
Bradley, John Tilford	Jenks, Charles Caleb	Reichling, Francis
Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.	Kendall, Alpheus	Reichling, Louis Frank
Brigham, Frank Eugene	Kutz, George Fitzgerald	Rogers, Cecil Denorvan
Brower, John Daniel	Lamping, Peter A	Robinson, John Andrew
Brown, Lewis Henry	Lancaster, Joseph	Rutherford, Chas. Board'a
Burrell, Alfred William	Landers, William John	Sessions, Edward Cathcart
Camron, William Walker	Lee, John	Sherman, William
Collier, John Henry	Loring, George York	Shorey, Albert
Collins, Albert William	Lubbock, Oswald	Skinner, Isaac Ash
Cox, George Washington	Magill, Arthur Edward	Smiley, Robert
Crellin, John	Marsellus, Edwin P	Spark, Martin Van Buren
Cumming, William George	Maatick, Joseph Wood	Strachauer, Charles
Cunningham, Parlan R	McClymonds, John William	Taggart, Grantham Israel
Cushing, John	McGillivray, Joseph	Tasheira, Lewis
Davis, Charles Edmund	McGuire, Jesse Milton	Tibbals, John Sherman
Davis, William Rude	Merritt, James Bestor	Todd, James Hamilton
Degan, Ludolph Philip	Metcalf, George Dickson	Tubbs, Hiram
De Golia, George Ellis	Miller, Robert Willis	Twombly, Charles Henry
Dingee, William Jackson	Miller, William Noble	Upham, Isaac
Dodge, Josiah Winslow	Monnet, Louis	Van Dyke, Walter
Dustinbury, Myr. Thompson	Moore, Albert Alphonzo	Wadsworth, Henry
Ellsworth, Henry Martyn	Morgan, Edward Harrison	Walton, Jesse
Emery, Joseph Stickney	Nichols, Ralph Kenniston	Watson, John Braddock
Everson, Wallace	Noy, William Henry	Wilson, John Charles
Fassett, Francis Ronells	O'Beirne, Joseph Francis	Wilson, William
Foulkes, James Franklin	Palmer, Cassius Clay	Yablonsky, John—137.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Dean, Samuel Cass—1.

PAST MASTER:

Hume, Joseph—1.

MARK MASTER:

Munson, Arthur King—1.

RESTORED:

Craib, William

Ward, Robert—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Black, Joseph
Boone, William Ely
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor

McClure, David
Patterson, John Whitely

Smith, Henry Sydney
Walker, Edward Emery—7.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Ball, Ambrose Everett	Harmon, John Brown	Williams, Robert Neal
Doda, James	Irwin, Harry Frost	Winchester, John Parker—8.
Elliott, Washington	Miller, Peter	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....130	Withdrawn..... 7
Exalted..... 15	Suspended for non-payment dues 8
Affiliated... 5	Now borne upon the roll... 137—152.
Restored..... 2—152.	

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.

Colfax, Placer County.

Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>High Priest,</i>	Morris Lobner, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Leopold Lobner, <i>King,</i>	Patrick Henry Maginn, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Henry Disque, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Dyeart, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Thomas Bailey, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Butler, <i>Secretary,</i>	Seland Cadjew, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Joseph Spencer Quire, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Robert Smith Osborn, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priest:

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. H. P.*

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Boden, Thomas	Himes, Wanton Alfred	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson
Cloudman, Octavius King	Johnson, Gustavus Adolphus	Provan, William
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	Jorden, Edward	Rabe, August Louis
Davis, Abraham	Kennedy, Samuel Thomas	Rathburn, John Bell
Ells, Henry	Copp, Charles Mann	Rogers, Joseph
Eschbach, David Meyer	Lakamp, John Henry	Swensson, Samuel Edward
Gilbert, Timothy Andrew	Lohman, Peter	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Hall, James Henry	Makins, William Swift	Vincent, Nicholas
Hayford, James Barrows	McClelland, Felix Grundy	Voss, Louis—40.
Houser, George Henry		

MARK MASTER:

Marx, Charles—1.

WITHDRAWN:

McClure, Elias Lowe	Peden, Albert Oliver	Storey, William Bainbridge—3.
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DIED:

Ritchie, John William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44.	Withdrawn..... 3
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll..... 40—44.

SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.*Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.**Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Amner, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Robert Efev, <i>King,</i>	Thomas Brooks Groom, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
George Staefler, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Fleming Burns, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry Frederick Kron, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Henry Bias, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Schwartz, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Bernard Wise, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel Drennan, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds,	Louis Schwartz,	Thomas Amner.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Butterfield, Charles Henry	Fitch, Edwin	Mix, Edgar Henry
Chace, John Day	Garratt, Richard Moses	Place, George Washington
Cleveland, Charles DeWitt	Gilchrist, Adam	Porter, William Ray
Cummings, William Nelson	Hall, Richard Harrison	Skinner, Henry
Daubenbiss, John	Handy, Forrest Nelson	Swift, Elias J
Dutton, James Marshall	Hinds, David	Vass, George
Ely, William	Lincoln, Charles Henry	Williams, Edward Lawrence
Fagan, Pierce Bye	McKiernan, Charles	—35.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Willey, Henry—1.

WITHDRAWN:

West, Edward Swift—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....28	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....7	Now borne upon the roll.....35—36.
Affiliated.....1—36.	

DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.*Truckee, Nevada County.**Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

David Walter Leach, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
George Schaffer, <i>King,</i>	Thomas Maria Bittancourt, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Andrew Jackson Graham, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Wellington Hoy, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Hiram Whitehead Roberts, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jacob Lewis Lewison, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joseph Marzen, Jr., <i>Secretary,</i>	James Sterling, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Michael Luxenburger, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Hogan Johnson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Elle Ellen,	Thomas Maria Bittancourt,	David Walter Leach.
Wilson Shannon Dixon,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brickell, Edward John	Hall, James Wesley	Peck, Nelson Stanley
Chandler, Russell Hunter	Hill, William Henry	Rabel, Frank
Cullen, Thomas	Hutchinson, John T	Richardson, Warren
Davis, Jonathan	Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Trott, Charles Cornelius
De Bernardi, Julius	Marzen, Joseph	Weed, Abner
Dunn, Henry George	Morrison, William	Wood, George
Frates, Frank	Nichols, Albert S	Young, Lamartine Wilson
Garner, Henry R.	O'Brian, John	Young, Samuel Alexander
Gaylord, Eben Hills		—39.

WITHDRAWN:

Harris, Jacob

Ogilvie, David—2.

EXCLUDED:

Dunster, George William	Scribner, Samuel	Shinn, William Joab—4.
Hamilton, Edward		

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45.	Withdrawn.....2
	Excluded.....4
	Now borne upon the roll.....39—45.

RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.

Red Bluff, Tehama County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Clements, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Hurd Blossom, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Roderick Henry Bierce, <i>King,</i>	Henry Charles Richart, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Thomas Newton Howell, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Meyer Johnson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Brower Cahoon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Sylvanus Everett Murphy, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Horace Allen Mayhew, <i>Secretary,</i>	Jeremiah Schoenfeld, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Guy Horatio Chase, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Adoniram Judson Loomis,	John Clements,	Nathan Crocker.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Charles Graham	Graupner, Louis Carl	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Alvord, Charles Theodore	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Schroeder, App. G. Barnhart
Ballard, Curtis Durkee	Houghton, Francis	Swain, Theodore Steven
Bidwell, Henry Erasmus	Kimball, Gorham Gates	Thompson, Joseph Moore
Cameron, James Strong	Kingsley, George Leeman	Tolley, Henry Harbinson
Campbell, Remembrance H.	McDonald, Kenneth	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Merrill, Nathaniel	Voluntine, John Chapman
Champlin, Lester	Miller, Francis	Wadsworth, Silas Marsden
Crawford, Isaac Samuel	Parker, William Boyd	Welton, Lamson Foorville
DeHaven, Jos. Lapsley G'ld	Posner, Max	West, John M
Eddy, William	Poullot, Eduard	Wiendleck, Herman Henry
Elmore, Robert Hoyle	Puls, George	Williams, Manly Delos
Fish, Charles Erskine	Rawson, Hiram Allen	Williams, Richard J
Foster, Charles Frederick	Reiser, Ellis	Wilson, Henry Clay
Gedney, David Wetmore	Roberts, James Bartle	Winsel, Eli Achum—61.
Griggs, Sidney Allen	Ryan, Thomas R	

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WITHDRAWN:
Banks, Jerome—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:
Champlin, George—1.

DIED:
Copeland, Homer Curtis—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	54	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	8	Suspended for non-payment dues..	1
Affiliated.....	2—64.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	61—64.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Flint, Jr., <i>High Priest</i> ,	William George Hudson, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>King</i> ,	John Herbert McEwen, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Michael Gagnon, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Alexander Lewis, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Arthur Trafton, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Nelson Besse, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Roscoe Green Norton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Martin Rodgers, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Martin Rodgers,	William George Hudson,	John Nelson Besse.
James Waters,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aldrich, David Medcalf	Greenbaum, William	Morris, Moses
Aldridge, Franklin	Halsted, James La Fayette	Mynatt, Elvin Farran
Ashley, James Henderson	Herold, Adam	Payne, John Sidney
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Ingham, James	Phelan, Martin
Briggs, Nash Corwith	Jones, Columbus Charles	Porter, John Thomas
Brown, John Bernard	Landrum, Wm. Merriman	Rea, James William
Chalmers, Alexander Barker	Linscott, James Austin	Rea, Samuel
Chapman, Jere. Sheldon	Lubbock, Clinton Henry	Reeve, Henry Francis
Craig, Andrew	Martin, Enos James	Seaman, George
Cunning, Francis Asbury	Mauk, Edwin Franklin	Thomas, Thomas Reynold
Flint, Thomas, Sr.	Miller, John William	Trafton, John Edmund
Fish, Isaac Benjamin	Mitchell, Charles Edward	West, Henry Edgar
Friermuth, Hervey Weston	Moffat, Thomas	Williamson, William—57.

RESTORED:

Ross, William Wallace—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Housh, William Henry	Ross, William Wallace—3.
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EXCLUDED:

Fowler, Charles—1.

DIED:

Brown, James Hiram—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	45	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	11	Excluded.....	1
Restored..	1—57.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	52—57.

CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.**Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Carnot Courtland Mason, <i>High Priest,</i>	Cyrus Greenleaf Warren, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
George Shand, <i>King,</i>	John H. Currie, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Edward Tillson Reynolds, <i>Scribe,</i>	Garret Wells Walraven, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles Faulkner, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Hunter Montgomery, <i>Mas. 2d Vail,</i>
William Henry Harrison Fuller, <i>Secretary,</i>	Harry Darius White, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Robert Emmet Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Jesse Wood, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	James Davison, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Charles Lewis Pond,	Carnot Courtland Mason,	Charles Faulkner.
Rufus Mycagah Cochran,	Robert Emmet Warren,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnard, Timothy Henry	Hansen, Lauritz	Montgomery, Park
Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Nelson, Charles Andrews
Bidwell, John	Heath, William Daniel	Noonan, Jerry Childs
Boucher, Josiah	Herrin, Wm. James	Ormsby, John McQuaid
Boucher, Josiah, Jr.	Hibbard, Albert A	Papst, Albert
Boydston, James Knox Polk	Jackson, Frank Mason	Papst, Charles James
Bradley, William Leroy	Jones, Benjamin Franklin	Robinson, John Rose
Breed, Levi Newton	Jones, Samuel	Ryant, Isaac Whittermore
Canfield, Eugene Erastus	King, William Duncan	Sawyer, Alexander
Carpenter, Aleck	Lausen, Henry Datelef	Schooler, William Henry
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Leininger, Obediah	Schuls, Oscar Carl
Clark, Oliver Lovel	Macken, Lewis	Sevidge, John Wilson
Collins, Addison Blair	McFadyen, John	Shear, George
Cowles, Harlan Page	McGarry, James William	Stansbury, Oscar
Crew, Alexander Hill	McIntosh, George Lewis	Stevens, Warren Charles
Cussick, Barney	McIntosh, James Thomas	Turner, John Alphonso
Decker, James Madison	McIntosh, Lewis Harrison	Turner, John Calvin
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Merkley, Asa Jacob	Van Woert, William
Ellot, Wesley Stockwell	Miller, William Henry	Weston, Jubal
Garner, John Mortimer	Mitchell, James Ewing	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford	Williams, John Harvey—79.
Guyann, Pleasant Marion		

WITHDRAWN:

Blackwell, William Johnson	Elliott, John Patrick	Hoole, Edward—3.
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DIED:

Miller, Charles Alton	Rundell, Rochester York—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....76	Withdrawn.....3
Exalted.....8—84.	Died.....2
	Now borne upon the roll.....79—84.

SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.

Suisun, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Abner Elias Charles, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Wynn Redman Reeves, <i>Prin. Soj'r</i> ,
Daniel McCreary, <i>King</i> ,	Albert Alexander Dickie, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Freeman Hunniwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Wolf, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ferdinand Frank, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Columbus Palestine Reeves, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Wm. Beyson Reynolds, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Albert Levi Reed, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Gustavus Davisson, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Stephen Kirby Nurse,	Jerome Bonaparte Richardson,	Eben Dorman Perkins,
Joseph Fairbanks Wendell,	Allen Charles Miller,	Abner Elias Charles.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barbour, Nathan Roswell	Downing, William Green	Okell, Edward Joseph
Bauman, Jacob Henry	Emigh, Thomas Powell	Reeves, Duke Davis
Bronson, Howard Cuyler	Eversole, Henry	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Brown, James Benjamin	Gettier, Charles Peter	Roberts, William Henry
Brown, William Burrell	Harris, Henry	Robinson, John
Buck, William Leonard	Hatch, Anthony Timothy	Rush, Benjamin Franklin
Capell, James Smith	Hitchcock, Abraham Farr	Smith, Sampson
Cerkel, Wolf	Hoyt, Julian Buel	Stewart, Samuel
Chapman, Addeline L	Hoyt, William Kimball	Stevenson, Andrew Vincent
Coghlan, Oscar Rapier	Kelly, Kirk Etna	Stephens, William Bell
Danielson, Johan	Leithead, James	Vance, James Monroe
Dellinger, Ambrose Craig	Leithead, William	Weinberger, Marcus
Dinkelspiel, Morris	Miller, Meredith Rains	Wilson, Thomas Stanly
Doggett, William Jordan	Oberti, Joseph	Woods, John—58.

PAST MASTERS:

Cohn, Jacob	Losee, Charles Henry	Stewart, William Gray—3.
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WITHDRAWN:

Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Hoyt, George Adolphus—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.	54	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	6—60.	Now borne upon the roll.....	58—60.

VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Launcelot Gilroy, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Albon Eugene Hall, <i>King</i> ,	Perus Sprague Tracy, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Burke Miles, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frederick Appleton Warner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Wm. Centre Pogue, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Morgan James Wells, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,

Past High Priest:

Robert Chidley Broder.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arick, Rufus Ellis	Crowley, Green Berry	Martin, William Franklin
Bacigalupi, Theodore	Dowdle, John Philip	McJunkin, Joseph Talbot
Blakely, Francis Algene	Edwards, Edward Darnall	Melone, John Henry
Branks, Robert	Esrey, Justin	Nathan, Herman
Brower, Celsus	Fidler, Henry Clinton	Nelson, Swan Peter
Brownstone, David	Guggenheim, Leon	Rockford, Thomas
Camp, William Henry	Hackett, Henry	Russell, William Alexander
Carpenter, William	Henry, Albert Beece	Smith, George Washington
Cassin, Owen T	Hocket, John Benjamin	Tuohy, John
Chatten, Richard	Jewitt, Philo Dennis	Uhlhorn, John Frederick
Clark, Angus Marion	Lovelace, Lemuel Moreland	Wells, Morgan James
Collins, Albert Oscar	Mack, Julius Jacob	Wingfield, Charles Rousseau

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PAST MASTER:

Patrick, Charles Berry—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Creed, William Henry Ambrose—1.

EXCLUDED

Maples, Thompson William—1.

DIED :

Broder, Andrew Henderson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....48	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....8—51.	Excluded.....1
	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....48—51.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.*Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.**Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Christopher Columbus Farmer, <i>H. Priest,</i>	Peter Allison, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles Hazlewood Holmes, <i>King,</i>	Samuel Washington Metcalf, <i>R. A. Capt.,</i>
Alexander Douglas Laughlin, <i>Scribe,</i>	Frank Clemens Loomis, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Milo Smith Davis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Jacob Harris, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robert McConochie, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frank Hervey Swett, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Julio Carillo, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Elijah Thompson Farmer,	Augustus Leander Fisher,	Allison Burr Ware.
Robert Press Smith, Jr.,	John Ripley Wright,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Darwin Carlos	Bell, James Shadrach	Brown, Henry Ralph
Allen, Samuel Irwin	Berka, John	Braegge, Herman Fred. C
Appleton, Wellington	Bloom, Jonas	Buckland, Leon'd Harrison
Arnold, Howard	Bond, William Hammet	Burris, David
Baxter, Thomas Phipps	Box, James Allen	Byrrus, John Carroll
Beam, Jeremiah	Brown, Alexander	Caldwell, Charles Young

Clark, James Preston	Hutchinson, Samuel	Parks, David Harrison
Coffman, Nelson <i>B</i>	Ink, Walter Payne	Percival, Walter <i>C</i>
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Julian, John	Prindle, William
Davis, William Wallace	Korbel, Antone Francis	Ross, Henry <i>J</i>
Davison, Daniel <i>D</i>	Kugler, Leopold C.	Seegelken, Ernest August
Dohn, George Ernest	Label, Herman	Speller, George
Elliott, William Ross	Legg, Amos	Spencer, Byron <i>M</i>
Eetinghausen, Wm. Adams	Lindberg, John Peter	Stites, Alexander Hill
French, John	Looney, William Denton	Stoddard, Joel
Fulkerson, Richard	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	Stone, Nathan Jonas
Falkerson, Theodorus S.	Mathews, John Wesley	Straney, Francis Marion
Gannon, James	McCallum, Alexander	Taylor, John Shackelford
Glynn, Francis Jerome B.	McConnell, William Elliot	Thompson, Robt. Augu's, Jr.
Griggs, Joseph Henry	McCornack, Wm. Andrew	Tripp, Hiram Lewis
Grindle, Joshua	McDonald, Mark <i>L</i>	Vanderhoof, Martin Van B.
Hall, Clarence Conway	McFadyen, Allen	Walker, John
Hall, Llewellyn	McMinn, John	White, John McCullough
Halling, Frederick	Montgomery, William	Wilton, Thomas <i>G</i>
Hardin, Chas. Henry Edwin	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Hasting, James <i>O</i>	Murphy, Wyman	Wright, James Madison
Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Nelson, Alfred	Wright, James California
Hoover, Abram	Oliver, John Salter	Young, Bird Sidney
Houser, Sylvester Rodick	Overton, Albert Perry	Young, Michael—106.
Hughes, John	Park, Alvah <i>W</i>	

RESTORED:

Julian, John—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Johnson, William Thomas Neblett, Edward—4.

DIED:

St. Clair, Frank Chappel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....99	Withdrawn.....	4
Exalted.....11	Died.....	1
Restored.....	1—111. Now borne upon the roll.....	106—111.

WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.

Woodland, Yolo County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Donald Frazer, <i>High Priest,</i>	James Kerson Smith, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Francis Ellsworth Baker, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Winne, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
John Watts Freeman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Charles Drake Burleson, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Dickson Stephens, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Harvey Clinton Gable, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Lowrey Simpson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Le Roy Coil, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Wesley Goin, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Jacobs, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

Thomas Cross Peckman,
Charles Henry Davis,

Nicholas Wyckoff,
George Jermain Cole,

Humphrey Hicks,
Donald Fraser.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, David Quincy
Archambeau, James T
Blowers, Russell Bigelow
Borach, Jerome
Borach, Leon
Bork, Charles Henry
Bower, John Gustar
Brown, Elijah William
Brown, Francis Marion
Bullock, James Porter
Burns, Daniel Monroe
Charmak, Louis
Cohen, William
Craig, Thornton
Cramer, Lewis
Davisson, Benjamin Frankl'n
Day, Charles Granville
Dewey, Ulysses Socrates
Diggs, David Pitt
Dresbach, William
Ely, Isaac Jefferson
Everett, Philip George

Frederick, John George
Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester
Frost, Charles Stincen
Gable, Amos William
Gardner, Matthew
Gary, George Jones
Giguere, Louis Peter
Goodin, Thomas Chelton
Glendinning, Edward
Grimes, George Clayton
Guthrie, Thomas Walker
Hadley, Charles Wesley
Harlan, Benjamin Franklin
Harling, Micajah Oglesby
Hill, Henry Abraham
Hilliker, Loron Warren
Holcom, Willie Denison
Houx, David Franklin
Howard, Stephen A
Hurlbut Daniel Bradley
Hurlbut, George Rogers
Johnson, James

Johnson, Henry Foster
Kean, Andrew Carlisle
Kennedy, John
Lowry, John William
Magee, Temple Perrin
Marden, William Harrison
Miller, Frederick
Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Miller, Howard Phillips
Parramore, Edw'd Littleton
Rahn, Francis Marion
Rodolph, Godfrey
Ross, Samuel Haws
Ross, Thomas
Schindler, David
Sharpnack, George
Snowball, John Wells
Taylor, James Thomas
Viers, James
Westover, Giles Curtis
Woodard, Geo. Washington
Young, Joseph Garnet—83.

WITHDRAWN:

Bray, Edward Gaintes
Dutton, James Marshall

Tebbs, Lilburne Ely

Weir, William Henry—4.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Furst, Leopold

Larew, William Henry

Megowan, Robert Wickliffe—3.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....79

Withdrawn 4

Exalted..... 11—90.

Suspended for non-payment dues.. 8

Now borne upon the roll.....83—90.

LANSSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

William David Minckler, *High Priest*,
Frederick Hines, *King*,
Lyman Collins Stiles, *Scribe*,
Anthony Otto, *Treasurer*,
Wright Patrick Hall, *Secretary*,
James Wesley Hendrick, *Capt. of the Host*, Allen Wood, *Guard*.

William Thomas Masten, *Prin. Sojourner*,
Philip Jacob Goumas, *Royal Arch Captain*,
William Brockman, *Master 3d Vail*,
Eugene Albert Williams, *Master 2d Vail*,
Jefferson Houston Maxwell, *Mast. 1st Vail*,

Past High Priests:

Allen Wood,
John Ranshaw Lockwood,

Eber Gaston Bangham,
Phillip Jacob Goumaz,

James Branham.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Abraham
Asher, Moris
Babcock, Charles Marsh
Bereman, Henry
Bobo, Benjamin Franklin
Cahlan, John
Crane, William Henry
Dill, Andrew
Fitch, John Edward
Gary, William West
Grant, Alexander
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson
Hyer, David Campbell
Kelley, John Davis

Kingsbury, William Charles
Knoch, Davis
Latham, Melancthon S
Leavitt, Benjamin Hanson
Marker, John Hanson
McDow, Lafayette Decatur
McKissick, Jacob
Miller, Andrew
Moon, Abraham Gillette
Mulholland, Charles
Pierce, George Strunk
Pullen, Granville
Reid, John Marshall
Santee, Milton
Sawyer, John James
Segrave, John Henry
Seltier, Claude Francois
Sharp, James Porter
Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Sloss, Ferdinand Americus
Smith, Albert Augustus
Snyder, Henry
Spalding, Zetus Newell
Stevens, Ward Spooner
Streshly, Orlando
Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Tanner, Dennis
Winchell, Hiram—57.

RESTORED:

Richardson, Joseph—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Blaske, Albert
Harbert, Lee L

Lewis, James Clinton
Massingill, William Alwin

Metzler, John Adam
Richardson, Joseph—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	56	Withdrawn	6
Exalted.....	6	Now borne upon the roll.....	57—63.
Restored	1—63.		

DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.

Dixon, Solano County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jonathan Merritt Dudley, <i>High Priest,</i>	Joseph Kline, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
John William McFadyen, <i>King,</i>	Thomas Milton Gates, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Henry Ackerson Ross, <i>Scribe,</i>	Joseph Henry McCune, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Ewalt McCune, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Orlando Lusk Bishop, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Meredith Gregory, <i>Secretary,</i>	Frederick August Schnitzlein, <i>M. 1st Vail,</i>
William Henry Wells, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Rightmire Madden, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Sweany,
Herman Eppinger,

George Churchill McKinley, Jonathan Merritt Dudley.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbey, John Alexander	Garnett, William Henry	McLean, Fleming
Agee, Charles Frederick	Goeffert, Henry	Merryfield, Justus Chandler
Agee, Christoph'r Columbus	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Munsie, John David
Baker, Roland Thomas	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	North, James Charles
Brock, Tilman Howard	Hall, Alexander	Rice, John Henry
Bullard, William Green	Hewer, John Henry	Russell, Francis Exaria
Craig, Frederick	Job, Charles Edward	Simms, William
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Johnson, James Otis	Summers, Andrew Good
Ettlinger, Bernhard	Kelly, Benjamin Franklin	Talbot, John Green
Ferguson, Wm. Redmond	Killebrew, William	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Fraser, Thomas	Klayes, Frederick	Wolfskill, Edward
Garnett, James St. Clair	Larew, Peter	Yount, John Burnett—51.

WITHDRAWN:

Righter, Francis Marion—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51	Withdrawn..... 1
Affiliated..... 1—52.	Now borne upon the roll..... 51—52.

MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.

Modesto, Stanislaus County.

Stated Meetings, Friday next succeeding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Adolphus Hewel, <i>High Priest,</i>	Elihu Burritt Beard, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King,</i>	Christopher Columbus Wright, <i>R. A. Captl,</i>
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Alexander Burkett, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Erastus Eagleson, <i>Secretary,</i>	Michael Brann, <i>Master 1st Vail.</i>
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	— — — — —, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William John Houston,	Elihu Burritt Beard,	Adolphus Hewel.
Septimus Allen Cleveland,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Cookson, Thomas	Hayter, Abram LaFayette	Stewart, Alexander
Dalby, Samuel Price	Hortor, Dickin'n Courtney	Teeter, John Dallas
Detlebach, Julius	Manning, Patrick	Visher, John
Dorsey, Caleb	Newson, John Moore	Walshall, Lawson Barfoot
Dowda, Geo. Washington	Ostrum, Gilbert Paul	Wardrobe, Samuel V
Drullard, Thompson Willis	Rodgers, John	Weyer, Frederick—80.

PAST MASTER:

Noxon, Bertholomew—1.

WITHDRAWN:

DIED:

Armstrong, James Lapsley Wilson, Thomas Anderson—2. Carner, Charles Isaac—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 5	Died..... 1
Affiliated..... 2—33.	Now borne upon the roll..... 30—33.

VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.

San Buenaventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Allen Day, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Stevenson Collins, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> .
Lemuel Clark McKeeby, <i>King</i> ,	Joseph M Kaiser, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Edward Taylor Hare, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Nehemiah Blackstock, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Volney Alexander Simpson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	James Andrew Snodgrass, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Lafayette Findla Eastin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Edward Kellogg Benchley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Kenneth Peter Grant, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Fridolin Hartman, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Jonathan Doan Hines,	Lemuel Clark McKeeby,	Eugene Preston Foster.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bard, Cephas Little	Cox, Richard	Robinson, Chris'r Maxwell
Bard, Thomas Robert	Edwards, Evan Alfred	Slinger, William
Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Finney, Charles Grandison	Smith, Alvin Billings
Brooks, James Marion	Fisher, Joseph	Sparks, William Ware
Cannon, Marion	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.	Stanchfield, Levi Gould
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Gilbert, Thomas	Surdam, Royes Gaylord
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Grimes, Brice	Todd, Theodore
Clemmens, Andrew	Knighten, William Amon	Wolf, Moise Lazard—38.

PAST MASTER:

WITHDRAWN:

DIED:

Burrell, William Henry—1.	Bartlett, Albert Griffith—1.	Spear, Henry—1.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....38	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....1	Died.....1
Affiliated.....1—40.	Now borne upon the roll.....38—40.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.

Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Leonard Babcock, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> .
Rollin Dunshoe, <i>King</i> ,	David Patterson Hatch, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
John Delos Peer, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lorenzo Gordon Yates, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Peck Stearns, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Albert Hayman, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eliakim Tupper Gourley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Henry Norway, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Nelson Collins, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> .	———, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

John Peck Stearns,	George Edward Childs,	Benjamin Franklin Thomas.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Daniels, Thomas Payne
Hill, Jesse

Laughlin, Henry James * Parsons, Jacob
Paddock, Edgar Luzern Peck, Wright Hunt—18.

WITHDRAWN:

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

McGlashan, Charles Fayette—1. Clifton, Henry Phillips, Archibald William—2 .

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report. 18	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 3—21.	Suspended for non-payment dues.. 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....18—21.

* HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

_____, *High Priest*,
Silas Montgomery Ruck, *King*,
Thomas Blakwell, *Scribe*,
William Jewett McNamara, *Treasurer*,
William Patterson Hanna, *Secretary*,
William Bryce, *Captain of the Host*,

Joa Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, *Prin. Soj.*,
Clarence M. Leighton Howard, *R.A. Capt.*,
George Carson, *Master 3d Vail*,
James Edwin Barnard, *Master 2d Vail*,
Thomas Barnes Cutler, *Master 1st Vail*,
Andrew William Anderson, *Guard*.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Becker, Charles
Brown, Thomas McGinnis
Bull, John Clark, Jr.
Campbell, Alexander
Carson, Charles Alexander
Case, Horace Smith
Clark, Robert Dale
Coates, John Pim
Cutler, Thomas
Graham, John George
Greenwald, Julius

Grinnell, Alvin Sampson
Hall, Richard
Haensel, Julius Henrich Gus
Hart, Plummer Frederick
Henderson, James William
Hetherington, John, Jr.
Hetfield, Albert De Forest
Lea, Francis Anthony
McCullens, David
Renfro, David Kenada

Robarts, James Thomas
Russ, Joseph
Sevier, Abner Dell
Thomson, John Smith
Thompson, Hiram Freeman
Trost, John Henry
Wallace, Malcolm Joseph
Wentworth, Harris Barnes
Willey, John Bassett
Wilson, Emet Wakeman

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MARK MASTER:

Smith, Anson Bickford—1.

DIED:

Watson, John Andrew—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....40	Died..... 1
Exalted. 2	Now borne upon the roll..... 42—43.
Affiliated..... 1—43.	

UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Edward Warren King, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Watkins Cunningham, <i>Prin. Soj.,</i>
William Isbell, <i>King,</i>	James Robert Mathews, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Wallace Montgomery Hagans, <i>Scribe,</i>	Walter Lee Bransford, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Smith Beed, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Wheeler, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Archibald Yell, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Taylor Day, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Jeremiah Henry Donohoe, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Tell Zimmerman, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	George William Heald,	William Watkins Cunningham.
George McCowen,	Edward Warren King,	

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, Thomas Langley	Hornbrook, Sanders	Orr, James Henry
Barnes, William Henry	Jarvis, Henry H	Osborne, Daniel Henry
Briggs, Moses Carson	Kilbourn, William Vincent	Packard, Charles O
Carothers, Thomas Langley	Makle, Robert Bruce	Smith, Martin Thomas
Cliff, John Ford	Marks, Seymour	Smith, Tracy Hubbard
Ellege, John French	Maxwell, Walter	Standley, Jeremiah M
Foster, Jesse Valentine	McGarvey, Robert	Taylor, John
Hagenmeyer, Gebhard	McKay, Andrew	Thomas, Andrew Jackson
Heeser, William	McPhee, George Sanford	Townsend, Frederick Omer
Henley, Whitcombe	Montague, Lemuel Davis	Updegraff, Jacob
Hoak, Elvin Newman	Newfield, Marcus	Warren, Benjamin Franklin

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WITHDRAWN:

Bellamy, Benson Clark	Knust, Charles	McClellan, Robert Henry—3.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44	Withdrawn.....3
Exalted.....6	Now borne upon the roll.....48—51.
Affiliated.....1—51.	

BODIE CHAPTER, No. 55.

Bodie, Mono County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Alexander Caldwell, <i>High Priest,</i>	Edwin Francis Burt, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Samuel McCurdy, <i>King,</i>	William Allen Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Alexander Sanderson Kilpatrick, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Gill, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Augustus Atlee, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Edward Symons, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Henry Kelly, <i>Secretary,</i>	Alexander Ogilvie Percy, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Zenos Osborne, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Henry Ellis Wilson, <i>Guard.</i>

Past High Priests:

William Irwin,

John Alexander Caldwell.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Andrew Harper	Ferguson, Samuel Benjamin	Miller, Ben Higgins
Alexander, Geo. Washington	Forrest, Robert McClelland	Neal, Franklin
Beck, Alexander	Gillson, John	Parr, John Forrest
Benedict, Edward Lewis	Hildreth, Luther Sleight	Penter, Geo. Washington
Bennett, Paul Wetherly	Hill, Isaac Leroy	Shreve, John Allen
Casey, David	Hiskey, John B	Sparrow, David S
Chamberlin, Eugene Francis	Hunnewill, Na'n Bonaparte	Sparrow, James
Colcord, Russell Keys	Jeffreys, David	Summers, Jesse Nolin
Conklin, Alvah Russell	Jones, Martin	Towle, Joshua West
Darrah, John	Kister, Oscar Hugo	Traut, Anton
Davison, William	Marshall, Joseph Brown	Turner, John Christopher
Dawley, James Morris	McCloskey, John	Williamson, Robert Jardine
Dunn, William	McKinney, Charles Franklin	—51.

RESTORED:

Ferguson, Samuel Benjamin—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Blasdel, Sherrill Weaver Crocker, William Gray Stewart, Alexander Bruce—3.

DIED:

Luke, David Matthias

Stewart, John Wesley—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.	44	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	10	Died.....	2
Affiliated.....	1	Now borne upon the roll.....	51--56.
Restored.....	1--56.		

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.

San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Robert Wiggins, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Horace Cowen Rolfe, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Jonathan Wilson, <i>King</i> ,	Smith Cook Haile, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Caleb King, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Francis LeBarrow Talmadge, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Lewis Jacobs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Warren Story, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Jeremiah Drake Ousterhaut, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Robert Porter, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Shannon Bright, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Horace Clark, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Horace Cowen Rolfe,

William Craig.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Andreson, John	Gibson, James Alexander	Mitchell, Jehu Page
Ball, Nelson Harlow	Hart, Alexander Hamilton	Papenhause, Henry
Bergmann, Jacob	Hook, John	Peacock, James Corbett
Bidwell, Julius Albert	Knox, John Thompson	Peacock, Thomas Francis
Brooks, Daniel William	Kurtz, Christian	Robinson, Henry Walter
Burt, James Gardner	Lawrence, Charles Marshall	Rosenthal, Emil Julius
Cunningham, Geo. Dimock	Lord, George	Russell, Prior Smallwood
Daniels, Rensselaer Wilkin'n	McBain, William	Russell, Wilson Byron
Dyer, Otis Theron	McCullough, William Pinkey	Soule, Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Field, Hugh Hamel	Miller, Christo'r Columbus	Terrass, Milford Byron—45.
Fleisher, Wolfe	Miller, Frank Augustus	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	36	Now borne upon the roll.....	45.
Exalted	8		
Affiliated	1—45.		

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 57.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Leander Clement Goodwin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Nelson Henry Murray, <i>King</i> ,	Patrick Augustus McKanna, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Thomas Eaton Walker, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edwin Herbert Freeman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Albert Brown, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Thomas Somes, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Martin Vincent Biscailuz, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robert Rufus Brown, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Wilson Bush, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	—— — — — —, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Robert Rufus Brown,	Robert Gilmore Cunningham.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alford, Chauncey H	Gibson, Frank Ashbury	Polaski, Lewis
Anderson, Lewis Charles	Haines, Rufus Rowe	Railton, George William
Baker, John Samuel	Hellman, Isaias Wolf	Reiser, Theodore
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Hellman, Herman Wolf	Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Bell, James George	Hunt, James Shelley	Ross, William Wallace
Bicknell, John Dustin	Knickerbocker, Niles	Salisbury, John Caleb
Brousseau, Julius	Lankershim, James Boon	Shaffer, John
Burnes, John	Leake, Edward	Shorb, Andrew Stephen
Carter, Julius Munson	Lockwood, Jasper	Smith, Henry Augustus
Castile, Thomas John	Macmurdo, Wirt Robinson	Stanley, John Quincy Adams
Chaffey, William Benjamin	Marsh, James Harvey	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Clark, Charles Hardenburg	Martin, Julius Herbert	Stewart, William
Cochran, William George	McDonald, Edward Nathan'l	Strohm, Thomas
Crank, James Filmore	Miller, Isaac Leffer	Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ford, George Oscar	Newhart, Daniel	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Furrey, William Corbett	Parcels, Horatio Sutton	Weldon, Thomas Jeremiah
Gibson, Chauncey Walstein	Ferry, William Hayes	Wollweber, Theodore—63.

MARK MASTER:

Morgan, William Adams—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Hill, William Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	40	Withdrawn	1
Exalted.....	17	Now borne upon the roll.....	63—64.
Affiliated.....	7—64.		

PLUMAS CHAPTER, No. 58.* **Greenville, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

James Sumner Drysdale, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Julian Eugene Pardee, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Alexander Archibald McKenzie, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Bressler, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Tremaine, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Erastus Powell Smith, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Robert Leslie McGill, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Blough, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Flynn, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Donald William McKenzie, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Powell Martin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Frank Kruger, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

James Sumner Drysdale,	Albert George Becktol.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barham, Thomas Lemuel	Monroe, Duncan Cameron	Standart, George
Gray, Rotheus Augustus	Picken, Alexander	Torrey, Adelbert Earl—21.
Levy, Morris Frank	Rodgers, Benjamin Franklin	

WITHDRAWN:

Gulliver, George William	Whitney, Hamilton Comfort—2.
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RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	21	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted	2—23.	Now borne upon the roll... ..	21—23.

SALINAS CHAPTER, No. 59.**Salinas, Monterey County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Vanderhurst, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Oliver Smith Trimmer, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel Franklin Geil, <i>King</i> ,	Charles Grandison Chamberlin, <i>R.A. Capt.</i> ,
John King Alexander, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alexander Bell Jackson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Brewer Porter, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Willis Joyce, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Robert Lindsay Porter, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Hoffman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Mason Lorenzo Dexter, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	James Ashley Webster, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

William Vanderhurst.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, George	Hill, William Jay	Palmer, Hiram Jairus
Abbott, Harvey Eldou	Hitchcock, Benjamin	Parker, Wm. Matticks Rogers
Archer, Samuel Milton	Hoffman, Christian	Riley, James Alexander
Ball, Henry Seymour	Housh, William Harvey	Sargent, Bradley Varnum
Bennett, John Barron	Jepsen, Jacob	Sargent, James Patty
Bidache, Victor	Joy, Charles	Shackelford, Rich'd Matthew
Fancher, James Knox Polk	Joy, John Greene	Smeltzer, Manassas J. Grove
Farr, Thomas Felix	Lambert, Thomas Grafton	Smith, Lovias
Fenton, Edward	Logwood, Edward Lafayette	Snively, James Bowman
Franks, Christian	Logwood, William Mayfield	Tuttle, Charles Kirkham
Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Markley, John	Widemann, Alfred
Graves, James Elbert	McGarvey, William Victor	Winham, William Pitt Leroy

—48.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Logwood, Samuel Hall Martin, Wm. Jefferson McPhail, Daniel Fr'k Havelock—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41 Now borne upon the roll.....48.
 Exalted.....5
 Affiliated.....2—48.

COLUSA CHAPTER, No. 60.

Colusa, Colusa County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Bailey Cooke, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Burris De Jarnatt, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Day Dean, <i>King</i> ,	Louis Keyser, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Cheeny, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Claude Edward De St. Maurice, <i>M. 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Winslow Jones, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Robert Barnett, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Byron Stanton, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Mabery Davis, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Lowry Jackson, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Henry Leining, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

Joseph Bailey Cooke.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adair, Charles Henry	Furth, Jacob	McCoy, Charles John
Ayer, Leonard Barnard	Guernsey, Henry	Munson, Harry Fulton
Broyles, Lodellus Horton	Harden, George Beatv	Robinson, Luke
Cain, John Tom	Hoag, George Winfield	Swinford, Edwin
Clark, Reuben	Jones, J. Thad	Thayer, Albert Austin
Cosner, Robert	Jones, Richard	Vaughn, Cornelius L. N.
Crowder, Henry Crawford	Kopf, Claus	Williams, George Wesley
Elliot, Henry Baker	Longmire, Samuel C.	Wilson, Cyrus Pogue—38.
Fouch, John Franklin	Mason, William Farington	

PAST MASTERS:

Harris, David Miller, William Franklin Wiles, John Marshall—4.
Lawson, Charles Hubbard

WITHDRAWN:

Dozier, Linwood Furth, Fred—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....37 Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 3—40. Now borne upon the roll..... 38—40.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, No. 61.

San Diego, San Diego County.

Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Augustus Begole, *High Priest*. Charles Merwin Fenn, *Principal Sojourner*,
Norman Henry Conklin, *King*. William Shepherd Jewell, *R. A. Captain*,
William Wallace Stewart, *Scribe*, Phillip Morse, *Master 3d Vail*,
Simon Levi, *Treasurer*, Jacob Young Jackson, *Master 2d Vail*,
George Mifflin Dannals, *Secretary*, John S. Harbison, *Master 1st Vail*,
Garrett Garreton Bradt, *Capt. of the Host*, John Valentine Mumford, *Guard*.

Past High Priest:

William Augustus Begole.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bass, John Duncan	Hockett, Samuel Warren	Plaisted, Leland Howard
Bowers, William Wallace	Hinton, John Brundridge	Remondino, Peter Charles
Bullis, William Shufelt	Hyland, John Charles	Rockford, Eugene Francis
Burgess, Edward Ezekiel	Luce, Moses Augustin	Root, Marshall Samuel
Bushyhead, Edw. Wilkerson	Marks, Joseph	Thompson, John Waldo
Chase, Herbert Adrian	McDougall, Will'm Bradford	Weecott, Edmund
Faivre, Joseph	McLure, Louis Steenrod	Weineke, Henry William
Gunn, Douglas	Paine, John Oliver Winslow	—35.

PAST MASTER:

White, Theodore Frelinghuysen—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Stephens, Archibald—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....23 Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted.....11 Now borne upon the roll..... 35—36.
Affiliated..... 2—36.

SAN LUIS CHAPTER. No. 62.

San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.

Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Levi Rackliffe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Kaufman Green, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> .
Frederick Adams, <i>King</i> ,	Nathan King, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Rodgers, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Philipp Francis Ready, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> .
Henry Loobliker, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Anthony Rogers Booth, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Vollmer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Harrison Spencer, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Russell Parkhurst, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Dannis Filliponi, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Levi Rackliffe,	Russell Parkhurst.
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anthony, George	Hays, William Williams	Pezzoni, Batisto
Barger, Daniel Edwin	Hollister, John Hubbard	Phillips, Chauncey Hatch
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Jeffreys, Walter Morgan	Poland, Henson
Blackburn, James Hansen	Johnston, Hosea Holcomb	Prefumo, Pietro Benedetto
Bloom, Herman	Jones, Justin Bliss	Reid, Thompson
Brumley, Chester Reed	Lewis, Jessie	Russell, Charles Jay
Cass, James	McCoy, George Watson	Schwartz, Isidor
Currier, John Charles	McFaddin, Oliver Perry	Smith, Edwin
Davis, Samuel Augustus	Michael, Geo. Washington	Stanford, George Breck
Dunn, Patrick Henry	Morgan, James Shelby	Tognazzini, Antonio
Goldtree, Morris	Muir, Jeremiah	Tognazzini, Peter
Hanson, Simon Hempel	Muscio, Guesseppi	Warden, Lew Moore
Hardie, Agnus McPherson	Nicholls, George Burritt	Watson, James William
Hasbrouk, Abram Brunyan	Noth, Meyer	Williamson, Andrew—64.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	38	Now borne upon the roll.....	54.
Exalted.....	12		
Affiliated.....	4	—54.	

ST. HELENA CHAPTER. No. 63.

St. Helena, Napa County.

Stated Meetings, Thursday on or next succeeding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

William Bainbridge Storey, <i>High Priest</i> ,	———, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Whittingham Lyman, <i>King</i> ,	Benjamin Franklin Kettlewell, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Lawrence Duckworth, <i>Scribe</i> ,	David Shakerpear, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Dinsdill Burr Carver, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	———, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alton Levant Williams, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Theron Hotchkiss Ink, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Henry Steves, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Greer, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priest:

William Bainbridge Storey.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Lander, George

Purfurst, August Burnhardt—12.

PAST MASTERS:

Bingham, William Alexander Trainor, Louis Howard Vann, William Franklin—3.

MARK MASTER:

York, Eli McBride—1.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....	9	Now borne upon the roll.....	12.
Affiliated.....	3—12.		

LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2414.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Susp. for non- pay of dues.	Expelled.	Died.	Rejected.	M. Masters.	Past Masters.	R. A. Macons.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.																	
1 SAN FRANCISCO,	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	July 28, 1854.	30	30	30	31	6	2	5	5	9		8	4	1	1	239	\$420 00
2 SONORA,	Tuolumne.	Tuolumne.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	48	48 00
3 SACRAMENTO,	Sacramento.	Sacramento.	" "	19	20	20	17	2	1	1	1	1		4	8	3	3	237	313 00
4 EL DORADO,	El Dorado.	El Dorado.	April 30, 1855.	47	47	47	45	5	4	5	2	1		3	3	3	3	870	559 00
5 CALIFORNIA,	San Francisco.	San Francisco.	" "	5	5	5	5	2				1						60	80 00
6 NEVADA,	Nevada.	Nevada.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"						27	28 00
7 BENICIA,	Solano.	Solano.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"							
8 COLUMBIA,	Tuolumne.	Tuolumne.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"							
9 SHASTA,	Shasta.	Shasta.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		1		1	1	50	50 00
10 FOREST CITY,	Sierra.	Sierra.	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		1		1	2	50	56 00
11 SUTTER,	Amador.	Amador.	May 3, 1856.	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	37	49 00
12 MERCED,	Merced.	Merced.	" "	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1				1	1	107	122 00
13 MARYSVILLE,	Yuba.	Yuba.	" "	3	4	4	4	1	3					1	3	1	2	99	135 00
14 HOWARD,	Santa Clara.	Santa Clara.	" "	10	10	8	8	3	1	1				1		2		33	61 00
15 CYRUS,	Siskiyou.	Siskiyou.	" "	7	7	7	7	7	1	1						1		34	46 00
16 PLACERVILLE,	El Dorado.	El Dorado.	May 8, 1857.	3	3	3	3	1						2				35	51 00
17 ST. JAMES,	Placer.	Placer.	" "	4	4	4	4			1				1				79	105 00
18 LIBANUS,	Nevada.	Nevada.	May 7, 1858.	7	7	6	6	1	1	2	1	2		1		1	1	80	30 00
19 GRASS VALLEY,	Trinity.	Trinity.	" "	7	7	8	9	1						1	1	1	1	68	99 00
20 WEAVERVILLE,	Butte.	Butte.	" "	7	7	8	9	1						2				46	58 00
21 OROVILLE,	Sierra.	Sierra.	" "	8	8	3	3	3	1	1				1				76	116 00
22 PETALUMA,	Sonoma.	Sonoma.	" "	10	10	10	10			1				2				30	30 00
23 OLIVER,	Placer.	Placer.	May 6, 1859.	4	4	4	4							1		1	1	26	40 00
24 LA FAYETTE,	Yuba.	Yuba.	" "	4	4	3	3							1				80	40 00
25 GEORGETOWN,	El Dorado.	El Dorado.	May 4, 1860.	2	2	3	3					3		3				61	83 00
26 OAKLAND,	Alameda.	Alameda.	" 5,	4	5	5	5	2		2				1				51	51 00
27 DELTA,	Placer.	Placer.	" 6,	12	12	14	16	1	1	4				2				99	162 00
28 STOCKTON,	San Joaquin.	San Joaquin.	May 10, 1861.	12	12	14	16	1	1	4				2				99	162 00

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MANZANITA,	North San Juan, Nevada	May 10, 1861.	5	5	6	8	2	1	1	67	91 00					
NAPA,	Napa City,	May 9, 1862.	4	4	1	2	3	6	4	1	41	52 00				
MARTINEZ,	Contra Costa,	"	5	5	5	7	3	1	2	3	62	84 00				
QUINCY,	Plumas,	May 8, 1863.														
LOS ANGELES,	Los Angeles,	Oct. 7, 1864.	3	3	3	3	1	1			54	66 00				
ALTAIRAS,	Plumas,	"									40	40 00				
NAVAL,	Solano,	Oct. 20, 1868.	6	6	6	6	2	3	1	1	93	117 00				
ALAMEDA,	Alameda,	"	17	16	16	15	5	2	7	1	137	201 00				
SILGAM,	Colfax,	April 6, 1870.									40	40 00				
SANTA CRUZ,	Santa Cruz,	"	7	7	7	7	1	1		1	35	66 00				
DONNER,	Nevada,	April 11, 1871.									39	39 00				
RED BLUFF,	Truckee,	"	6	6	8	8	2	1	1	1	61	89 00				
TEMPLE,	Tehama,	"	7	7	9	9	1	1			52	86 00				
CHICO,	Watsonville,	"	6	6	8	8	1	3	1	2	79	111 00				
SOLANO,	Butte,	"	7	7	9	9	1	3	1	3	58	83 00				
VISALIA,	Solano,	April 11, 1872.	9	9	6	6	2			1	48	58 00				
SANTA ROSA,	Tulare,	April 9, 1873.	2	2	3	3		1		1	106	160 00				
WOODLAND,	Sonoma,	"	11	11	11	11	1	4	3	2	83	126 00				
LASSEN,	Yolo,	"	6	6	6	6	1	6			57	81 00				
DIXON,	Lassen,	April 14, 1875.	6	6	6	6	1	1			51	51 00				
MODESTO,	Solano	"									30	48 00				
VENTURA,	Stanislaus,	April 12, 1876.	4	4	5	5	2	2		1	18	27 00				
CORINTHIAN,	San Buenaventura	"	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	42	51 00				
HUMBOLDT,	Santa Barbara,	"	2	2	2	2	3	1	2		48	72 00				
UKIAH,	Humboldt,	April 11, 1877.	3	3	2	2	2	1		1	51	85 00				
LAKEPORT,	Mendocino,	April 9, 1878.	6	6	6	6	1	3			51	85 00				
BODIE,	Lake	April 14, 1880.	8	8	8	8	10	1	3	2	45	76 00				
KEYSTONE,	Mono	"	7	7	8	8	1	1		1	63	132 00				
SIGNET,	San Bernardino,	April 13, 1881.	18	17	17	17	1	1		1	38	56 00				
PUMAS,	Los Angeles,	"	8	8	8	8	5	2	2	4	35	81 00				
SALINAS,	Plumas,	April 12, 1882.	6	6	3	3				1	64	99 00				
COLUMA,	Monterey,	April 11, 1883.	12	12	11	11	2	1			12	19 00				
SAN DIEGO,	Colusa,	"	11	11	11	11	12	4		1	12	19 00				
SAN LUIS,	San Diego,	"	4	4	3	3				1	12	19 00				
ST. HELENA,	San Luis Obispo,	April 9, 1884.	3	3	3	3				1	12	19 00				
	Napa,															
			378	376	375	382	69	18	98	18	36					
										52	28	726	16	3627	5345	00

Returns received since session of Grand Chapter.

Consolidated with Sonora Chapter, No. 2.

Charter revoked.

Charter surrendered.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California.

Arkansas,	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Canada,	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Oakland ;</i>
Colorado,	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
District of Columbia,	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Georgia,	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
Illinois,		
Iowa,	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Kentucky,	JOHN MILLS BROWNE, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Vallejo ;</i>
Louisiana,	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Maryland,	JACOB HART NEFF, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Colfax ;</i>
Maine,	LEONIDAS E PRATT, Grand High Priest, . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Mississippi,	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Missouri,	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
New Jersey,	WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
New York,	HENRY SAYRE ORME, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Los Angeles ;</i>
North Carolina,	HENRY HAY KNAPP, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Napa ;</i>
Ohio,	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Weaverville ;</i>
Oregon,	GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS, P. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Quebec,	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Tennessee,	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, P. G. H. P., . . .	<i>Oakland ;</i>
Vermont	WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, . . .	<i>San Francisco.</i>

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Chapter of California near other Grand Chapters.

Alabama,.....	WILLIAM D. WADSWORTH,.....	— — — — :
Arkansas,.....	JOHN E. REARDON,.....	<i>Little Rock ;</i>
Canada,.....	HENRY McPHERSON,.....	<i>Owen Sound, Ont'o.</i>
Colorado,.....	IRVING W. STANTON,.....	<i>Pueblo ;</i>
District of Columbia,....	NOBLE D. LARNER,.....	<i>Washington ;</i>
Georgia,.....	JOHN W. OSLIN,.....	<i>West Point ;</i>
Illinois,.....	SAMUEL SHANNON,.....	<i>Mt. Carmel ;</i>
Iowa,.....	H. O. McNEIL,.....	<i>Sioux City ;</i>
Kansas,.....	JOHN BROWN,.....	<i>Leavenworth ;</i>
Kentucky,.....	R. M. FARLEIGH,....	<i>Hopkinsville ;</i>
Louisiana,.....	J. Q. A. FELLOWS,.....	<i>New Orleans ;</i>
Maine,.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,.....	<i>Portland ;</i>
Maryland,.....	EDWARD T. SHULTZ,.....	<i>Baltimore ;</i>
Massachusetts,.....	ALBERT L. RICHARDSON,....	<i>Boston ;</i>
Minnesota,.....	SILAS R. MERRILL,.....	<i>St. Paul ;</i>
Mississippi,.....	JOHN K. FULSON,.....	<i>Water Valley ;</i>
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM WILLMOTT,.....	<i>Hamilton ;</i>
Nebraska,.....	E. A. ALLEN,.....	<i>Omaha ;</i>
New Hampshire,.....	JOHN J. BELL,.....	<i>Exeter ;</i>
New Jersey,.....	EDWARD GOELLER,.....	<i>Trenton ;</i>
New York,.....	JOHN L. LEWIS,.....	<i>New York ;</i>
North Carolina,.....	WILLIAM R. KEENAN,.....	<i>Wilmington ;</i>
Ohio,.....	LEVI C. GOODALE,.....	<i>Cincinnati ;</i>
Oregon,.....	THOMAS MCF. PATTON,.....	<i>Portland ;</i>
Quebec,.....	FRANK EDGAR,.....	<i>Montreal ;</i>
South Carolina,.....	AUGUSTIN T. SMYTHE,.....	<i>Charleston ;</i>
Tennessee,.....	WILLIAM N. DOUGHTY,.....	<i>Murfreesboro ;</i>
Vermont,.....	THEODORE S. PECK,.....	<i>Burlington ;</i>
West Virginia,.....	KEPHART D. WALKER,.....	<i>Fairmount ;</i>
Wisconsin,.....	M. M. COTHREN,.....	<i>Milwaukee.</i>

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384.

1854.

CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, *Grand High Priest.* A. B. HOY, *Grand King.*
*JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HUGH G. PLATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1855.

*JOHN D. CREIGH, ... *Grand High Priest.* *WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand King.*
*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* LEVERETT BRADLEY, *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
*W. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

*WM. W. TRAYLOR, ... *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, *Grand King.*
THOR. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* *JAMES A. JACKSON, *Grand King.*
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *HENRY HARR HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, ... *Grand High Priest.* *AARON D. PARK, *Grand King.*
*H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *LEWIS REYNOLDS, *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* JAMES W. BICKNELL, *Grand King.*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* *EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ... *Grand King.*
*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Scribe*

1863.

*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, ... *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

*ISAAC DAVIS, *Grand High Priest.* *CHARLES MARSH, *Grand King.*
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Scribe.*

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ... *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, ... *Grand King.*
 *CHAS. MARSH, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1866.

*CHARLES MARSH, ... *Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand King.*
 WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1867.

ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand High Priest.* *JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand King.*
 *JAS. A. JACKSON, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1868.

*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand King.*
 GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand King.*
 JAS. LAW. ENGLISH, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand King.*
 JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*
 *JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*
 WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand King.*
 ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1876.

ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*
 HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand King.*
 JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1878.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand King.*
 NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand King.*
 WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

1880.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, *Grand King.*
 HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand Scribe.*

1881.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand High Priest.* LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand King.*
 WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand Scribe.*

1882.

WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Grand High Priest.* JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand King.*
 LEONIDAS E PRATT, *D. Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand Scribe.*

1883.

LEONIDAS E PRATT, *Grand High Priest.* EDWARD COLEMAN, *Grand King.*
 JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *D. Gr. H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. Scribe.*

1884.

JONATHAN DOAN HINES, *Grand H. Priest.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, *Gr. King.*
 EDWARD COLEMAN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, *Grand Scribe.*

GRAND CHAPTERS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Chapters.	Grand Secretaries.	Residence.
ALABAMA,.....	DANIEL SAYRE,.....	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,.....	JAMES A. HENRY,.....	Little Rock.
CANADA,.....	DAVID MOLELLAN,.....	Hamilton, Ont.
COLORADO,.....	ED. C. PARMELEE,.....	Georgetown.
CONNECTICUT,.....	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,.....	Hartford.
DELAWARE,.....	H. B. MCINTYRE,.....	Wilmington.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,.....	LEWIS G. STEPHENS,.....	Washington.
ENGLAND AND WALES,.....	JOHN HERVEY,.....	London.
FLORIDA,.....	DE WITT C. DAWKINS,.....	Jacksonville.
GEORGIA,.....	J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR,.....	Macon.
ILLINOIS,.....	GILBERT W. BARNARD,.....	Chicago.
INDIANA,.....	JOHN M. BRAMWELL,.....	Indianapolis.
IOWA,.....	JOHN C. PARISH,.....	Des Moines.
KANSAS,.....	JOHN H. BROWN,.....	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,.....	JOSEPH H. BRANHAM,.....	Louisville.
LOUISIANA,.....	JAMES C. BATCHELOR,.....	New Orleans.
MAINE,.....	IRA BERRY,.....	Portland.
MARYLAND,.....	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,.....	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,.....	Z. H. THOMAS,.....	Cambridgeport.
MICHIGAN,.....	W. P. INNES,.....	Grand Rapids.
MINNESOTA,.....	A. T. C. PIERSON,.....	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,.....	J. L. POWER,.....	Jackson.
MISSOURI,.....	WM. H. MAYO,.....	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN,.....	Omaha.
NEVADA,.....	JOHN D. HAMMOND,.....	Carson.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,.....	GEO. P. CLEAVES,.....	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,.....	GEORGE B. EDWARDS,.....	Jersey City.
NEW YORK,.....	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,.....	Buffalo.
NORTH CAROLINA,.....	DONALD W. BAIN,.....	Raleigh.
NOVA SCOTIA,.....	GEORGE T. SMITHERS,.....	Halifax.
OHIO,.....	JAMES NESBITT,.....	Troy.
OREGON,.....	R. P. EARHART,.....	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,.....	CHARLES E. MEYER,.....	Philadelphia.
QUEBEC,.....	DAVID SEATH,.....	Montreal.
RHODE ISLAND,.....	WM. R. GREENE,.....	Providence.
SCOTLAND,.....	WILLIAM EDWARDS,.....	Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,.....	J. E. BURKE,.....	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,.....	JOHN FRIZZELL,.....	Nashville.
TEXAS,.....	ROBERT BREWSTER,.....	Houston.
VERMONT,.....	W. H. S. WHITCOMB,.....	Burlington.
VIRGINIA,.....	W. B. ISAACS,.....	Richmond.
WEST VIRGINIA,.....	ODELL S. LOM,.....	Wheeling.
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GEN. GR. CHAPTER OF U. S.,.....	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,.....	Buffalo.

GRAND CONVENTION

OF THE

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-fifth Annual Convention.

The twenty fifth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, 1884, at eight o'clock P. M.

There were present the following named

OFFICERS :

The R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
“ R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,	<i>Chaplain ;</i>
“ R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,	<i>Treasurer ;</i>
“ R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,	<i>Recorder ;</i>
“ R. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,	<i>Conductor :</i>

Also Companions JOHN E. ALLAN, DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, DORAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL, ALEXANDER CHALMERS, EDWARD COLEMAN, JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, ADOLPHUS HEWEL, ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID, THOMAS KYLE, JOSEPH MILLER LITCHFIELD, GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE, RICHARD MUNT, JACOB HART NEFF, HENRY SAYRE ORME, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE.

In the absence of the M. E. President, the R. E. Vice-President presided, and made the following appointments *pro tempore* :—

Companions GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE as Master of Ceremonies, and ALEXANDER CHALMERS as Herald.

The Grand Convention was opened in **Due** form.

The reading of the minutes of proceedings of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

Applications, accompanied by the proper certificates, were received from the following named companions :—

JAMES WATERMAN BALDWIN,	High Priest of <i>San Francisco</i> Chapter, No. 1	
SOLOMON BENAS,	" " " <i>Sonora</i>	" " 2
CORNELIUS KELLOGG,	" " " <i>Sacramento</i>	" " 3
GEORGE POOR,	" " " <i>Benicia</i>	" " 7
CLAY WEBSTER TAYLOR,	" " " <i>Shasta</i>	" " 9
JOHN McDUGGL POST,	" " " <i>Sutter</i>	" " 11
SILAS WRIGHT GEIS,	" " " <i>Merced</i>	" " 12
SAMUEL JOSIAH SMITH ROGERS,	" " " <i>Washington</i>	" " 13
DANIEL C DUNN,	" " " <i>Howard</i>	" " 14
WILLIAM GREENE WOLFE,	" " " <i>Libanus</i>	" " 17
WARREN SEXTON,	" " " <i>Franklin</i>	" " 20
WILLIAM EMERY COX,	" " " <i>Petaluma</i>	" " 22
CHARLES EDWIN GILLET,	" " " <i>Oakland</i>	" " 26
ROBERT FLEMING ROONEY,	" " " <i>Della</i>	" " 27
HENRY EPHRAIM ROBBINS,	" " " <i>Stockton</i>	" " 28
WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS,	" " " <i>Martinez</i>	" " 31
CHRISTIAN THEODORE BENTZEN HALLIN,	" " " <i>Naval</i>	" " 35
SAMUEL THORBURN BLACK,	" " " <i>Alameda</i>	" " 36
THOMAS FLINT, JR.,	" " " <i>Temple</i>	" " 41
RICHARD HUBBARD STEVENS,	" " " <i>Visalia</i>	" " 44
JONATHAN MERRITT DUDLEY,	" " " <i>Dixon</i>	" " 48
JAMES ALLEN DAY,	" " " <i>Ventura</i>	" " 50
JOHN ALEXANDER CALDWELL,	" " " <i>Bowie</i>	" " 55
WILLIAM ROBERT WIGGINS,	" " " <i>Keystone</i>	" " 56
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,	P. H. " " <i>Signet</i>	" " 57
JAMES SUMNER DRYSDALE,	High " " <i>Plumas</i>	" " 58
WILLIAM VANDERHURST,	" " " <i>Salinas</i>	" " 59
JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE,	" " " <i>Colusa</i>	" " 60
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLE,	" " " <i>San Diego</i>	" " 61

Which applications were referred to a committee consisting of Companions JACOB HART NEFF, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE and THOMAS KYLE.

After due consultation the committee reported favorably, whereupon the companions were balloted for and duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companions JAMES WATERMAN BALDWIN, CLAY WEBSTER TAYLOR, SAMUEL JOSIAH SMITH ROGERS, WILLIAM GREENE WOLFE, WARREN SEXTON, WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS, THOMAS FLINT, JR., JAMES ALLEN DAY, JOHN ALEXANDER CALDWELL, WILLIAM ROBERT WIGGINS, ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM VANDERHURST and WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BEGOLE, being in waiting, were severally introduced and received the Order of High Priesthood.

The next business in order being the election of officers, the R. E. Vice-President appointed Companions GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE and

ADOLPHUS HEWEL to act as tellers, and the following named companions were elected for the ensuing year:—

The M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,..... *President* ;
 " R. E. JACOB HAET NEFF,..... *Vice-President* ;
 " R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,..... *Chaplain* ;
 " R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,..... *Treasurer* ;
 " R. E. THEODORE EDWIN SMITH,..... *Recorder* ;
 " R. E. GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE,..... *Master of Ceremonies* ;
 " R. E. ALEXANDER CHALMERS,..... *Conductor* ;
 " R. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,..... *Herald* ;
 " R. E. THOMAS KYLE,..... *Steward*.

There being no further business, the minutes of proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Convention was then closed in *But form*.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,

Recorder.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

OFFICERS:

The <i>M. E.</i> WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	<i>President ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> JACOB HART NEFF,	<i>Vice President ;</i>
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" <i>R. E.</i> ALEXANDER CHALMERS,	<i>Conductor ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> HENRY HAY KNAPP,	<i>Herald ;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i> THOMAS KYLE,	<i>Steward.</i>

MEMBERS :

Abell, Alex. Gurdon	Browne, John Mills	Cunningham, Robt. Gilmore
Aitkin, Robert	Broder, Robert Chidley	Davis, Charles Henry
Akerly, Benjamin	Burke, John Martin	Davis, Edwin Ransome
Allan, John E	Burch, John Chilton	Davis, William Buckley
Amner, Thomas	Buttelmann, Frederick	Day, Franklin Henry
Anderson, Elias	Bystle, Daniel Potter	Day, John Allen
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Caldwell, John Alexander	Dauchy, Arthur Homer
Bacon, Ely Griffith	Callow, Thomas	Dobrowsky, Adolph
Baldwin, James Waterman	Callaway, Abner Edward	Douglas, John William
Bangham, Eber Gaston	Campbell, Doran Lucius	Ellen, Elle
Barnard, John Kirk	Caswell, Thomas Hubbard	Ellis, Ralph
Barnes, Benjamin Wilcox	Charles, Abner Elias	English, James Lawrence
Baras, Frederick Ferdinand	Childs, George Edward	Eppinger, Hermann
Beard, Elihu Burritt	Christiansen, Ole Christian	Faulkner, Charles
Begole, William Augustus	Claiborne, Gilbert Burnett	Farmer, Elijah Thompson
Bell, James	Clayton, William Burt	Fitzgerald, Adolphus Leigh
Besse, John Nelson	Clements, John	Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Bicknell, Jas. Witherspoon	Cleveland, Septimus Allen	Foster, Francis
Binney, Andrew Jackson	Coglan, Charles Mortimer	Foy, Samuel Calvert
Bisbee, John Gould	Cohn, Louis	Gilbert, George Heirn
Blair, Charles Macmurdo	Coleman, Edward	Glover, James Russell
Blake, George Mansfield	Coleman, John Crisp	Goss, Leonard
Bradford, William	Crane, Lemuel Trescott	Goumaz, Phillip Jacob
Brady, Alex. Buchanan	Crawford, Ellison Lassell	Graham, Thomas Jefferson
Brooks, Frank Howard	Crawford, James Seth	Grimes, George Tuttle
Brown, Josiah Perkins	Crocker, Nathan	Gritman, Charles Ray
Brown, Thomas Allen	Crouch, Robert	Halsey, Abraham

Harden, John Barton	McDaniel, Rowland Jackson	Sexton, Warren
Haskell, William Barnabas	McFarland, Thomas Alonzo	Simon, Adolph
Hayes, Russell Thayer	McFarland, Abel	Singley, James
Hays, Wilson	McGlashan, Chas. Fayette	Smith, Robert Press, Jr.
Hayward, Alvinza	McKinley, Geo. Churchill	Snow, John Francis
Hedges, Edward Richards	McMurray, Valentine	Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Hellwig, Charles John	Meikle, Peter R.	Stanley, J. Quincy Adams
Hewel, Adolphus	Menzies, Stewart	Steel, Thomas Hugh
Hilton, Osgood	Millington, John	Sternheim, Samuel
Hinds, Peter Richmond	Miller, Allan Charles	Stone, Charles E.
Hoadley, James Henry	Moon, James	Stone, Nathan Hoamer
Hollub, Adolphus	Munt, Richard	Storey, William Bainbridge
Hook, Thomas Kent	Myers, Mattison	Skinner, John Dodd
Houston, William John	Myres, Benjamin Franklin	Speare, Willard Smith
Hudson, William George	Myrick, Milton Hills	Surface, John Whitten
Hunter, George Washington	Newton, William Davis	Sweany, John
Huseman, Louis Constantine	Nurse, Stephen Kirby	Taylor, Clay Webster
Irwin, Charles Fitzgerald	Oliver, Alexander Gibson	Tinnin, Wiley James
January, William Alexander	O'Bear, Benj. Threlkeld	Titus, Isaac Sutvene
Jenkins, John Wesley	Orme, Henry Sayre	Turner, Jared
Jump, Alembly	Parkhurst, Russell	Tuttle, Benjamin Franklin
Keating, Michael James	Perkins, Geo. Washington	Vanderhurst, William
Kincaid, Isaac Philanson	Petrie, William Monroe	Variel, Joshua Hutchins
Kinkade, John Thompson	Pond, Charles Lewis	Waite, Alfred Coolidge
Kingsley, James Forman	Pockman, Thomas Cross	Walbridge, John Morris
Kirkpatrick, John	Potter, Edward Edmund	Wales, Thatcher Peter
Knox, William Franklin	Prager, Samuel	Walker, George Russell
Knorp, Albert Frederick	Pratt, Daniel Webster	Walker, Oscar Valentine
Kunkler, John Ernest	Pratt, Leonidas E	Walter, William Addison
Langhiser, Gilbert	Preston, Alvin Bacon	Warner, Henry
Lawrence, William Lee	Purdy, John Eldridge	Waters, James
Lawson, Powell Samuel	Raynes, Alonzo Emery	Weil, Joseph
Leech, Reuben	Ream, Daniel	Wellendorff, Louis
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